

News Release

District 742 Local Education Activities Foundation (LEAF) ADOPT A CLASSROOM PROJECT Announcement:

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The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation announces the official kickoff of the Adopt *a Classroom Project* for the fall of 2018. LEAF's goal is to connect businesses, individuals and groups to specific classrooms to help provide needed supplies that the District is unable to fund. Supporters can "adopt" a classroom (Early Education, Elementary, Junior High or Senior High) by making a tax-deductible \$250 contribution for the needed classroom supplies.

Currently, teachers often spend hundreds of dollars to provide basic supplies for classroom use. From basics such as permanent markers, pencils, notebooks and clean clothes for elementary children, to the more specialized items like sheet music, science kits, dry ice and mice for snake food; our teachers spend their own money to help insure a quality educational experience.

Businesses, individuals, grand-parents or groups can choose to adopt a specific classroom at a specific school, or make a \$250 donation to LEAF and allow LEAF to choose a classroom randomly from those classrooms that apply for help. LEAF will then inform the donor of the classroom they have adopted. The business or individual donor will receive a *Certificate of Adoption* that identifies the classroom they have adopted. **100% of all proceeds will go directly to the participating classrooms!** In 2017 the St. Cloud Community adopted 79 classrooms with contributions totally \$19,750.

This is LEAF's eighth year of the Adopt a Classroom project, which has dispersed \$122,600 to 490 classrooms in the previous seven years.

The Adopt a Classroom Form can be downloaded or contributions given at www.leaf742.org. Checks can be made out to LEAF and sent to: LEAF, P.O. Box 1132, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

About LEAF

The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) was founded in 1993 as a fully independent, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting and enhancing school-based, extra-curricular activities and educational opportunities in District 742 Public Schools. LEAF's endowment fund provides supplemental funding for *academic, activities, arts and athletic programming* in the district's schools. Since 1996 LEAF has been able to contribute just over \$1.5 million in grant to support programming in District 742. Visit us at www.leaf742.org.