News Release

District 742 Local Education Activities Foundation (LEAF) Announces Fall Grants

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LEAF Announces a Total of $112,484 in Fall 2019 Grants Awards

St. Cloud, MN—The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation announces the awarding of the following grants during the first two months of the 2019-20 school year:

1. **$24,250** in Adopt A Classroom grants to **97** classrooms in every school across the district. These $250 grants are provided by individuals, businesses and organizations to help classroom teachers purchase needed supplies.

2. **$21,471** in Fall Activities Fund Grants. These grants support all fine arts, academic and athletic student activities programs.

3. **$12,224** in Fall Academic Fund Grants in support of unique classroom instructional initiatives.

4. **$12,000** for the District 9th Grade EPIC Curriculum to support career exploration. These funds were raised at the 2019 LEAF Learning Renaissance on October 27 at Cafe Renaissance.

5. **$2,009** from the LEAF Activity Participation Fund to pay for sports physicals for students who would otherwise be unable to afford to participate in our after-school activities program.

6. **$4,600** from the LEAF Homeless Student Services Fund to help homeless students and their families with school supplies, food, clothing and emergency shelter needs.

7. **$9,444** for the District PAKRAT - Child **Literacy** and Parent Involvement Program in grades P-3 in every district school.

8. **$3,786** for the new "PAKCAT - Child **Math** Literacy Program in our preschool classrooms.

9. In addition, LEAF has been the conduit from donors for **$20,700** in "Flow-Through" funding to support the South Jr. High Robotics Program and new helmets for Tech Football.

**Total Fall 2019 Grants: $112,484**

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 academic 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 over **$1,880,000** to programs in District 742.

Check out the LEAF Grant History at [www.leaf742.org](http://www.leaf742.org).

Growing a stronger community through academics, activities, arts and athletics.