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Dear Classroom Teachers,

Lebanon Education Foundation is excited to announce \$50,000 in classroom grants will be funded for the 2025-2026 school year. This is an opportunity to impact student learning and fund the innovative ideas you always dream of.

LEF grants fund projects that impact the classroom with innovative activities focused on student centered learning. Classroom teachers are encouraged to consider projects that will provide student enrichment while supporting learning objectives across the curriculum. An application may be submitted for an individual classroom. An application may also be submitted for a grade level, subject area, team or department. The grant timeline is below. The grant application instructions are also being provided for you.

Since 1994, LEF has funded classroom grants and low interest loans to area schools totaling over \$1,200,000 to benefit students. Lebanon Education Foundation board members appreciate the opportunity to continue partnering with our area teachers to enrich student learning through LEF classroom grants.

LEF Grant Timeline:

March 16: Applications posted online

April 9: Applications due to building principal

May 5: Applicants notified of funding status

May 14: Grant Award Ceremony, Central Office

4:30-5:20 Early Childhood Center, Esther, Maplecrest, Boswell

5:30-6:20 LMS, LHS, LTCC, HEC

LEF Grant Application Instructions

Guidelines:

- LEF funds classroom requests. Extra-curricular activities and clubs will not be considered. However, a grant will not be disqualified if the grant requests funds for use in a classroom, and the funded items could also be used for an extra-curricular/club activity.
- LEF grants fund projects that feature innovative activities focused on student centered learning.
- Classroom teachers are encouraged to consider projects that will provide student enrichment while supporting learning objectives across the curriculum.
- An application may be submitted for an individual classroom, a grade level, subject area, team, or department.
- Grants may receive full, partial, or no funding at the discretion of the Review Team made up of retired teachers representing a variety of grade levels, subjects, and buildings.
- Read, follow, and respond to the prompts/questions as written. If you have questions, contact a member of the LEF Grant Team:

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Check your application to be sure the requirements below are met before submission:

_____ **Grant is professionally written; grants are reviewed by a team of retired teachers.** 🐱

_____ Grant is proofread for typos, misspelling, proper grammar, math errors, etc.

_____ The name of the grant indicates the content.

_____ Grant is typed on the application form provided. *Suggestion: Use a Word or Google Doc, then copy and paste your answers into the application.*

_____ Do not include a cover sheet.

_____ Application is signed by a teacher involved with the grant.

_____ If purchase of technology is included, the Director of Technology signed the application indicating approval of the request.

_____ Print the completed application and submit it to your building Principal for their signature. The building Principal will submit the signed applications to Robin Gower at LR3 Central Office. Keep a copy for yourself.

Applications meeting the above requirements will be reviewed by the review team. Applications that do not meet the above criteria will not be considered.