

## FTEF GRANT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

June 16, 2011

### **Re: Freehold Township Education Foundation's William J. Setaro Building Blocks for Innovation Competitive Grants Program**

The Freehold Township Education Foundation (FTEF) would like to formally announce the winners of the 2011 FTEF's inaugural William J. Setaro *Building Blocks for Innovation Competitive Grants Program*:

- Ms. Roseanne Kehr and Ms. Charlene Warren, Related Arts/Related Services teachers from Marshall W. Errickson School, were awarded a \$6000 grant for their program "iCollaborate."
- Ms. Beverly Pagels, head of the media center at the West Freehold School, was awarded a \$2000 grant for her program "Battle of Monmouth: History To-Go."

This year the FTEF received 17 innovative and creative grants applications, and it was a difficult process to select the winners. The selection process consisted of a committee of 13 members deliberating both individually and as a group. The foundation solicited participation from a broad cross-section of the district to create the committee. Each of the 13 people represented a school in the district and various stakeholder groups such as district and school administrators, teachers, parents and students. After each member individually evaluated the applications using the eight parameters of the grant application, the committee then met as a group and deliberated for 5 hours before finalizing their decision.

Although the winning applications are distinct and represent two different funding areas, both applications share common characteristics that the committee felt best reflected the intent of the grant. Each application contains specific measurable outcomes regarding student achievement, a plan to affect a large group of students across the district, and the ability to be expanded district-wide if successful. Both applications can be found at the foundation website [ftefnj.org](http://ftefnj.org). A public presentation will be made at the Board of Education meeting on July 26th at 8:00 pm.

In addition to the grant monies awarded, the foundation continues to provide opportunities for teachers to apply for business and corporate grants. The FTEF has dedicated grant writers who can assist any district teacher in applying for grant funding for specific project ideas. The grant applications submitted to the Building Blocks Grants Program that did not receive funding will automatically be forwarded to the FTEF Corporate and Private Foundations Grants Committee for consideration for other funding sources. Please see the Teacher's Portal on our website at [ftefnj.org](http://ftefnj.org) for more information.

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