



## The Spaulding Education Fund and The Enrichment Fund Common Application

### Separate Education Funds Working Together

Inspired by the desire to support and advance the quality of a public education provided to every child in the Manchester-Essex community, now and in the future, the Spaulding Education Fund and The Enrichment Fund have launched a new year of fundraising and grant giving. There are many ways that the two groups complement one another, yet they are unique in their missions.

Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the **Spaulding Education Fund** (SEF) ([www.spauldingtrust.org](http://www.spauldingtrust.org)) funds pilot programs and provides new resources that advance, enrich and enliven the classroom experience. There are two grant cycles – fall and spring – to which faculty administrators, students, and parents from within the Manchester Essex Regional School District (MERSD) may apply. Upon award, funds are immediately implemented. Past grants include the very first Active Board System in both elementary schools, 5<sup>th</sup> grade ballroom dancing and the Elmo Document Readers at MMS, Humanities Week with author Anita Diamant, Senior Physics Lab ware, MERHS flip video, and funding for DECA and the Robotics Team, just to name a few.

The **MERSD Enrichment Fund** (EF) ([www.mersdenrichmentfund.org](http://www.mersdenrichmentfund.org)) is an endowment fund with the goal of linking strategic District goals in the specific areas of Humanities, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Environment to key funding opportunities. Unlike SEF's focus on pilot programs, the Enrichment Fund is designed to grant multi-year programs through a single grant cycle each spring. To date, the EF has supported Humanities week, bringing in author Anita Diamant. EF also launched the "Got a Seat Campaign" for naming of auditorium seats to honor a family, student or teacher and funded the Green Team initiative for a sustainable garden. This garden project is the start of an annual enriching experience for all students as they plan, tend and harvest produce to be part of their luncheon menu. In December 2010, the fund granted \$40k to equip the elementary schools with Active Boards. This is part of a phased effort to bring 21<sup>st</sup> century learning tools to all district schools.

As their taglines suggest, while Spaulding opens doors to excellence in the Manchester Essex Public Schools, the MERSD Enrichment Fund continues that excellence.

The following common grant application will ease the submission process. Grant requests are screened by the Superintendent and Curriculum Director to ensure a fit to the educational goals of the District and then directed to the appropriate funding source.