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Dear Friends,

Because of generous people like you, classrooms across East Lansing were more inspiring this year. Teachers had the opportunity to go beyond the basics and write grant applications for unique opportunities and implement new ideas in their classrooms, while students had the chance to discover just how exciting learning can be!

The middle school cooking club took advantage of a grant from ELEF to purchase supplies benefitting over 75 students who explored the art, science, and practicality of preparing meals together. Through hands-on scratch cooking, students are learning food safety, proper measuring techniques, and engaging with a community beyond their own grade level: important learning for now that will last a lifetime.

We know many teachers face the challenge of buying supplies out of their own pockets to fill their classrooms. On average in the US, teachers spend hundreds of dollars each year to give their students extras that spark imagination and confidence. **With your support, we can relieve that burden by supporting our teacher and all students.**

As 2025 comes to an end, we'd like to ask you to consider a gift to the East Lansing Educational Foundation to fuel even more learning in 2026:

- **\$100** can provide four new math games like Ms. Kain's third grade students used to build skills during math blocks and fifth-grader buddy time.
- **\$250** supplies components for three new STEAM stations like in Ms. Spear's music class, where students explore music hands on through diverse activities.
- **\$550** could support registration of two middle school teams for Michigan Science Olympiad.

Each year our teacher's grant applications become more creative and impactful. Last year, we received 45 grant applications asking over \$85,000. Our resources allowed us to give just over \$61,000. Help us to close this gap for the coming year in support of our teachers and students.

Please give today—because every child deserves the chance to learn, create, and dream big!

With gratitude,

Kacie Kefgen
President
East Lansing Educational Foundation



P.S. Your generosity directly impacts classrooms right here in our community. Give before December 31 to help us plan our support for teachers and students in the new year!



YES! I am making the powerful choice to help keep East Lansing Public Schools strong!
Enclosed is my gift to the East Lansing Educational Foundation Annual Fund for \$_____.

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