

NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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August 15, 2017 Richard D. Sperry, Esq. 41 Chalybes Road Roxbury, CT 06783

Dear Attorney Sperry,

I hope this letter finds you well. Please find enclosed the 2016-2017 Common Reports for New Fairfield Schools concerning our Middle School Breakfast Club and Middle School Student News programs, both generously funded by the Derx Foundation. In past years, we have included a DVD that showcases the Student News program. However, since we have upgraded our program to a high definition platform, we can no longer provide a DVD due to size restrictions. Instead, please follow this link to view our program highlights: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9AnG-RC-jM</u>

Both student programs were highly successful again this year. If we are fortunate enough to receive funding for our News Program and Breakfast Club next year, we would like to once again commence each program in September and continue for the duration of the school year.

The Middle School Student News program will successfully continue with the original budgeted amount of \$15,610 in salary. As noted in the Common Report, we are planning to purchase smaller HD cameras with the \$2500 equipment funds DERX donated last year. Therefore, we do not have any equipment requests. The school district did upgrade our servers and provided the teacher with a new laptop to support the program. In this regard, we are also supporting the program along with your generous donations and are not requesting additional equipment funds.

The Breakfast Club operated very smoothly this year. If you continue to fund this program next year at this level, approximately \$7930, this would allow us to end the club in June 2018. The salary for our certified staff is \$50 per hour, a rate commensurate with that of other grants.

We truly appreciate the ongoing support from the Derx Foundation and hope continued funding will allow us to significantly impact students' academic and personal success. Thank you again for your interest in New Fairfield Schools.

Sincerely, Jason McKinnon, EdD

Dr. Jason McKinnon Chief Academic Officer Enclosures (2) cc: Dr. Alicia M. Roy, Superintendent

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