



AEF Makes a Difference! In their words.....

“Without the support of AEF we would be unable to fund programs that prepare students for and stretch them beyond the daily curriculum. The funding received is truly appreciated and allows us to reach our mission of assisting students to reach their full potential and master challenging curricula.” *Mrs. Kellie Rodkey, Assistant Principal, Avon High School*

“The Avon Education Foundation has provided an avenue for teachers to further their vision for student learning. I really see AEF as facilitating an “experience” for students... whether it’s through a book, a field trip, or a problem solving board game, the AEF helps pave the way for that child’s educational journey. The students and staff of Pine Tree are extremely appreciative of everything the Foundation does for the students in Avon!” *Mrs. Karie Mize, Principal, Pine Tree Elementary*

“AIS East has seen incredible growth in reading thanks to the partial funding of Reading Plus <from AEF.> East went from being in the top 55% to the top 6% in reading growth in just two years, and it can be tied back to the student use of this program. Teachers who have received some of the fast track grants have been able to provide learning opportunities in the classroom they could not have otherwise done, particularly in science.” *Dr. Brian Scott, Principal, Avon Intermediate School East*

“The AEF has helped the high school staff and students begin building positive relationships with incoming freshmen by supporting Freshman Orientation each year; this day helps ease student anxiety and sets the foundation for academic and behavioral success.” *Mr. Frank Meyer, Assistant Principal, Avon High School*

“The support given to Avon Middle School South this year by AEF has been wonderful. AEF has funded our After School Study Tables program and Study Island, a computer based remediation program. This program provides time for students to stay after school and receive academic, organizational and study skills support from staff members. Without AEF, this program would not have been able to reach and support over 100 students this school year!!” *Mrs. Mendy Smith, Assistant Principal, Avon Middle School South*

“The Avon Education Foundation provided grant funds that have helped Avon Intermediate School West in many ways. The 5th grade was able to purchase supplies to use the Rube Goldberg Method. This is a hands-on approach to teaching science, particularly engineering and problem-solving skills. AEF also funded After-School Study Tables, which provided academic activities and homework support for 50 students...Many teachers at AIS West began using a literacy program centered around students choosing books to read independently, fostering a love of reading. AEF funds helped to supplement many classroom libraries with a variety of high-interest books.” *Mr. Dustin LeMay, Principal, Avon Intermediate School West*

“Sycamore Elementary teachers have been working very diligently over the past three years to enhance students’ literacy work stations. With the support of AEF funds, Sycamore Elementary has purchased software that works with the school’s InterWrite Boards. The software contains over 3,000 vocabulary words and many framework activities that can be used for student work stations. Knowing that Sycamore has the Avon Education Foundation as a resource for purchasing equipment or software to enhance our instruction and increase student engagement is extremely helpful.” *Mr. Mike Springer, Principal, Sycamore Elementary*

“With the extensive staffing cuts (6 full-time teachers, 3 part-time teachers and 40% reduction of instructional assistants) and other financial cuts that occurred at Avon Middle School North it was highly unlikely that we would be able to offer our Afterschool Homework Help program for students. The Avon Education Foundation came through with the financial support that permitted us to offer this program twice a week to approximately 50 students per session. My deepest appreciation goes out to the AEF.” *Mr. Frank Perkins, Principal, Avon Middle School North*