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On the heels of the successful 5th annual TASTE of MILLBROOK held on June 6th at the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery, The Millbrook Educational Foundation is putting their money where their mouth is without delay.

Just two weeks after the event, the MEF Board of Trustees allocated some \$50,000 in grants to fund programs in Millbrook's public schools, twenty-six thousand dollars of which was raised at the event.

John Dux, Chairman of the Millbrook Educational Foundation stated "There is no time like this present economy to put to use the funds raised by MEF whose sole purpose is to support the Millbrook Public Schools in the areas which are often underfunded by state funding".

Grants approved by MEF included the purchase of Accelerated Reader enrichment materials for Alden Place Elementary School students and a Scholastic Magazine subscription to complement Social Studies and Science programs for each student at Elm Drive Elementary. MEF will launch Science 21 hands-on learning curriculum for the sixth grade and will fund an eighth grade trip to the FDR Home and Library to support study of the Great Depression and WWII.

MEF awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior who has demonstrated character excellence in his or her four years of high school, and we will fund the start up implementation of Naviance Software to help our high school students, parents and staff in the process of researching and applying to colleges.

MEF granted \$16,000 to be shared among all four schools for Phase II development of the Arts in Education Residency Program, and \$18,600 to provide Tech Lab and some library computers that meet the more rigorous demands of the Millbrook Middle School curriculum. We'll also support a pilot of Senteo remote devices for use with the SmartBoards funded in previous grants.

The Millbrook Educational Foundation Board is made up of dedicated parents, teachers, faculty and community members committed to enhancing the quality of our public schools to the benefit of our children and our community.

It is the support of our community and the generosity of so many that help to make the Millbrook Educational Foundation a success.

For more information on the Millbrook Educational Foundation please

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Thomas Hurley, Millbrook Central School District Board President, accepts grants totaling \$50,000 from John Dux, Chairman of the Millbrook Educational Foundation at the July school board meeting.