

ROCKLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

<http://www.rocklandeducationfoundation.org>

Dear Rockland Educators:

This year several important changes have been made to the grant application process **and a new and exciting opportunity has been made available to Rockland educators.**

As many of you know, the Rockland Education Foundation was founded in 1996 by a small group of concerned citizens led by Scott MacKinlay. Scott was the principal of Rockland High School for many years and, after his retirement, he wanted to create an organization that would provide funds for educators who went above and beyond to bring innovative programs to students in the Rockland Public Schools. After serving as the Foundation's president for twenty years, Scott recently announced that he has decided to step down from that position. He will continue to serve on the Foundation's board of directors, but Regina Quirk will assume the role as president. During Scott's tenure the Foundation has awarded over \$550,000 in grants to Rockland educators and has created an endowment fund of approximately \$225,000 that will ensure that the Foundation's work will continue for many years to come. It is truly amazing how one man's vision could grow into what the Rockland Education Foundation has become today! For those of us who have had the great privilege to know Scott personally over the years, nothing that he accomplishes is a surprise - when Scott becomes passionate about a cause or an issue only good things happen.

To recognize Scott's outstanding leadership over the past two decades, the other members of the board of directors have decided to create *The A. Scott MacKinlay Impact Grant* that will be awarded annually in the amount of \$10,000. The grants committee will follow the guidelines that have been set forth previously by the board of directors in awarding this grant, but proposals for projects or programs that will have a "**major impact**" on the educational experiences of a large number of Rockland students will be viewed most favorably. Individual teachers and administrators, groups of educators, or an entire school may submit applications.

Please note that the traditional grant cycle/process that has been in place for many years will continue.

The grant application and other pertinent information will be available on our website, <http://www.rocklandeducationfoundation.org>, by Wednesday, September 21st.

Please indicate on the application if you are applying for ***The A. Scott MacKinlay Impact Grant*** or a traditional grant.

Sincerely,

The Rockland Education Foundation Board of Directors