

January 2007

Dear Parents:

As you may be aware, the Portage Education Foundation (PEF) is looking to become a more proactive supporter of the Portage Public School system and therefore the PEF Board has decided to substantially increase their general endowed fund. They are seeking to raise \$1 million dollars over the next three years.

The reason the PEF chose to expand their endowed fund was to enable them to have funds available annually to enhance excellence throughout the PPS programs. Endowed monies will provide the consistency that they feel is important. Increased funds will also enable them to become more proactive vs. reactive. Annual projects will be focused on one or more of the following areas:

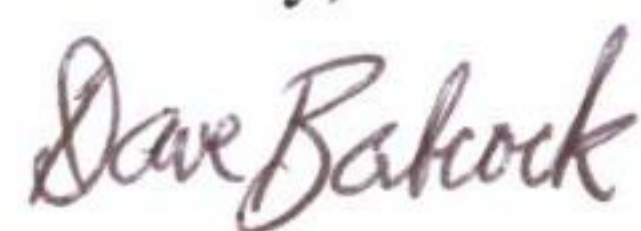
- start up costs for innovative curriculum and/or instructional programs
- support for instructional technology
- support for the fine and performing arts
- support for staff professional development.

The Portage Public School District has long been recognized for the variety of opportunities it offers its students and the high levels of student achievement in several areas. The PEF would like to fund opportunities to expand that level of excellence. *When education is this good, powerful things can happen.*

The PEF has chosen two projects for 2007, piloting a Technology Enhanced Classroom and a Professional Development Program for Math Instructors at all levels. You can get more information on these projects by visiting the district website at www.portageps.org (see the PEF link).

Enclosed is the PEF parent flyer. We invite you to join the PEF's pursuit of excellence for our District by making a pledge today.

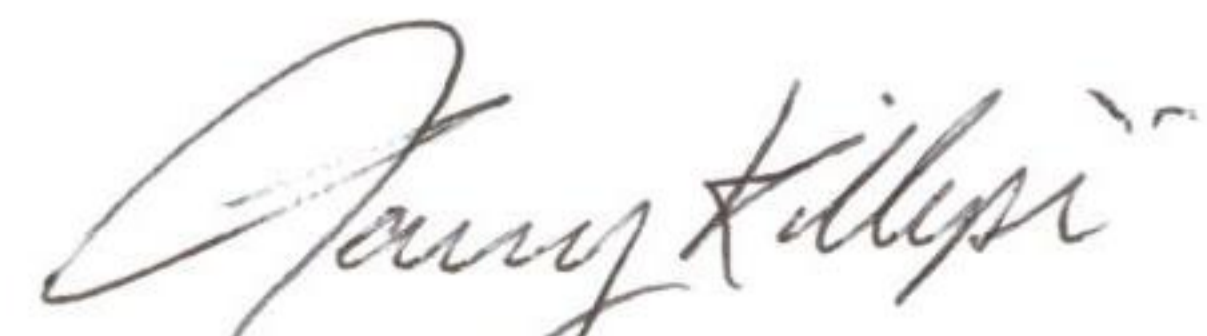
Sincerely,



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Central Middle School



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North Middle School



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