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NCEF Awards More Than \$12,000 in Enrichment Grants in 2020's Final Quarter**

To keep students engaged during distance learning, NCEF funded projects that prioritized reading, music

MILWAUKIE, Ore. — Each year, Milwaukie-based community foundation North Clackamas Education Foundation gives numerous classroom enrichment grants to innovative teachers across the North Clackamas School District.

Although this school year has been unlike any other in memory, NCEF hasn't abandoned their commitment to funding projects that engage students.

In fact, they've doubled it, through eliminating grant deadlines for the 2020-2021 school year, reaching out to teachers through new media platforms and awarding more than \$12,000 in the first three months of the school year.

"Our teachers and students need our support, no matter what setting they are in," said NCEF Executive Director Stephanie Rose. "Whether they're learning in person or via distance learning, NCEF must be there to ensure they have what they need for a successful and engaging educational experience."

Last year, NCEF awarded over \$29,000 in enrichment grants, helping to fund a suicide prevention club, new PE equipment and a computer coding club.

Projects paid for by NCEF this quarter include:

- **Every Student Reads**, a four-teacher initiative spanning multiple first grade classrooms that paid for new take-home books for students who otherwise lacked access to new reading materials

- **BIPOC Authors in the Middle School Classroom**, a project providing eight North Clackamas Middle School teachers with young adult novels written by BIPOC authors to enrich their classroom libraries
- **Putnam High School's Kingsman Thunder Drumline**, which needed funding to operate virtually so its members could stay trained and vital through remote classes on music, drill and design

"Many of the grants we're giving out now will still be relevant once in-person school is back in session," said Rose. "But distance learning has created some new needs for students and teachers, so we're trying to address those as well."

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About NCEF:

The North Clackamas Education Foundation (NCEF) is an equity-focused community foundation serving the students, teachers and families of the North Clackamas School District.

Supporting more than 17,000 students in 31 schools via classroom enrichment grants, programs for food-insecure families, scholarships and more, NCEF bridges gaps in funding so that students are fully engaged and ready to learn. [Find out more at nc-foundation.org](https://www.nc-foundation.org).

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