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**AREA SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM FOUNDATION EIO FUND**

Washington, PA – The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce that nine Washington County school districts will benefit from grants totaling \$27,207 from its ***EIO Fund***. Grants of \$3,023 each were awarded as follows:

- ❖ Bethlehem-Center School District for its Guided Reading Materials program (K-5)
- ❖ Burgettstown School District for its PA Jr. Academy of Science program (regional competitions for middle & high school)
- ❖ California School District for its Success for All program (elementary reading program in partnership with Johns Hopkins University)
- ❖ Canon-McMillan School District for its Science Matters program (hands-on science curriculum for K-8)
- ❖ Charleroi School District for its Technology Driven Integrated Learning System (computer-aided instruction in mathematics and reading)
- ❖ Peters Township School District for its Keys2Work program (skills based career development & job matching computer program)
- ❖ Trinity School District for its Guided Reading Materials program (K-5)
- ❖ Ringgold School District for its Science Matters program (hands-on science curriculum for K-8)
- ❖ Washington School District for its Youth Engaged in Technology program (after-school information science program geared to at-risk high school students)

All grants awarded from the ***EIO Fund*** in this funding cycle were made possible by corporate donors Allegheny Technologies, Equitable Resources, Highmark and Northwest Savings Bank. The ***EIO Fund*** was initiated in 2006 when the WCCF was approved as an Educational Improvement Organization through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development's Educational Improvement Tax Credit



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(EITC) Program. To date, a total of \$37,707 has been awarded from the Fund. The Foundation is also approved as a K-12 Scholarship Organization and is in the process of being approved for the final EITC category which supports Pre-K scholarships.

“The EITC funds are examples of the WCCF’s efforts to facilitate philanthropy in our community, particularly as it relates to educating our next generation of leaders,” stated Betsie Trew, executive director. “Corporations have shown an interest in the EITC program because it enables them to support educational efforts in a very tax-wise manner and we are pleased to serve as a vehicle through which these community-minded corporations may support local education.”

The first day corporations may apply for the tax credit, which provides credits of up to 90% of the contributed amount, is July 1, 2008. Credits are limited so corporations are encouraged to act quickly by contacting the WCCF at 724-222-6330 or [info@wccf.net](mailto:info@wccf.net).

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