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John Anderson Foundation

Attn: William Vinovich

1351 Silhavy Road, Suite 200-D

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Dear Mr. Vinovich and Board Members:

I am applying for two grants totaling \$5,000.00.

The first grant would be for a district-wide grant of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of 3D printers. The printers would be used to enhance opportunities in our STEM classes, our robotics programs, and in our computer education classes. Student interests in these programs have continued to grow from the elementary level to the middle school and high school levels. The 3D printers will allow the students to print their projects or even parts that can be used in the robotics program.

The second grant would be a \$1,000.000 theatre department grant for Hobart High School. The costs of putting on theatrical productions have continued to increase, and the grant would be used to reduce the financial burden needed for licensing/copyright costs, supplies, and materials for props. After the year of Covid, the theatre department is looking forward to being able to provide their theatre programs for everyone in our community from elementary students to senior citizens with special performances for them to attend. The department was able to provide a couple of virtual performances last year, but due to the live performance restrictions, no revenue was generated from them.

Copies of requested documents to be included with our grant requests are attached for your review.

I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the John Anderson Foundation for the grant awards given to our school district. Your support has allowed us to enhance our STEM and robotics programs, as well as our theatre department. Without that support opportunities in those programs would have been limited. Your support helped these programs continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

Peggy Buffington, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools