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ANNOUNCING PEP TEACHER GRANT AWARDS

The Partnership for Educational Progress is pleased to award six grants, totaling \$4,200, to teachers in School Districts 87 and 89. In twenty years, the PEP foundation has awarded more than 380 teacher grants worth over \$200,000. The following teachers will implement their grant projects during the 2011-2012 school year.

Glenbard High School District 87

This is the sixth year for the “One Book, One Glenbard” PEP grant program, directed by Kathy Cerabona, Jeannine Glock, Diane Mankowski and Susan Midelton. The goal of the program is to unite District 87’s large and increasingly diverse school population through reading.

Students at Glenbard North will be engaged in reading through the “Abraham Lincoln Award Book Club.” This PEP project, authored by Nancy Pierce, will introduce students to the current list of Lincoln award nominated books. Students will vote on nominated selections and will read additional titles to nominate for the following year’s Lincoln award.

Also at Glenbard North, Bradford Mitchell will empower Algebra students by putting new calculator technology into their hands. With his project called,

“Navigation to Learning,” students will be able to explore mathematics graphically and geometrically in a way that they have not been able to before.

Linda Narcaroti’s PEP grant, “Establish ELL Reading Library,” will be used to establish a classroom reading library to support and enhance grades 9-12 English Language Learners’ reading curriculum.

Community Consolidated School District 89

Two District 89 schools, Park View and Glen Crest, will be using a PEP grant called “Book Buddies” to promote reading and literacy skills. Under the direction of Pam McDermott and Carolyn Kouwe, students in grades 5 and 6 will read and evaluate books and use multiple strategies to promote the books to their peers.

At Briar Glen school, Mary Krajcir will continue “The Berkshire Mentoring/Tutoring Program,” using a PEP grant. Through this program, students from Glenbard South will help students in grades K-6 with homework and school projects. By receiving homework support, the K-6 students will extend their learning time, which will result in growth in reading and math.

PEP is a charitable foundation which partners with Glenbard School District 87 and its five feeder elementary districts to provide enrichment opportunities for students.