

October 12, 2020

To: Committee on Excellence in Education
From: John Bruno, Math Teacher
Re: Grant request

First off, I want to thank you for all of your support given to me and my programs in the past. Last year, you helped Mr. Hunt and I purchase curriculum and assessments from a website called "Teachers Pay Teachers". We were able to use this material to collaborate and provide alternate resources for our classes. This year, I am requesting items that I never thought that I would request!

As we are all aware, COVID-19 has affected everyone in different ways, but academically, the classroom experience and environment are something new for everyone, students and teachers.

It takes a lot of extra work, extra planning and extra resources to create an educational experience for our students to be successful. We need to do so much more than the traditional "teacher talk". I meet with my students two days a week, instead of the regular five hours a week. How do I cover the curriculum in 40% of the time? How do I provide extra assistance for my students that cannot be offered at lunch or after school like I used to be able to do?

During class time, I have purchased a document camera that allows me to teach from my desk. I can write on paper and share my screen with my students and they can see what I'm writing as I am writing. After the class is over, I am able to scan my notes into the computer and upload the files to Schoology. By doing this, students can have a clearly written set of notes that they can access throughout the semester or if they were absent from class. Also, this document camera actually allows me to also make videos!

I have created many videos with my document camera. I have purchased video editing software so that I can record videos at home, edit them and then upload the videos to YouTube to provide review, extra instruction and clarification for my students. Again, the students now have the opportunity to pause instruction, rewind and re-watch parts of a lesson or catch up on notes if a student was absent.

I also had to purchase a software license so that I can use a graphing calculator program on my computer.

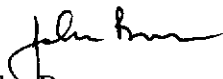
With my grant, I would like to be reimbursed for materials and software that I have already purchased and still plan to purchase. I need a better printer/scanner. I use my printer/scanner exclusively for school. It is old and faltering. I also need paper and computer ink. I also need a better camera for my Zoom. The camera that I am using is over 10 years old that connects through my computer through USB. It can be glitchy and needs replacing.

As the semester has progressed, I have purchased other items that I find that I need to improve my

instruction and learning environment. I'm sure that more items/suggestions will come up along the way. I would like to find a way to cover many of these expenses that were not planned for in the past.

As always, I truly thank you for all you have done in the past and appreciate your consideration for our grant.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bruno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Bruno