

Community Members Launch
Educational Opportunity Fund for the Lake Placid Central School District

A group of engaged and enthusiastic alumni, parents and educators are pleased to announce the creation of the Educational Opportunity Fund for the Lake Placid Central School District. This charitable fund has been established through the Adirondack Foundation to promote educational opportunities that enhance the learning and life-chances of Lake Placid Central School District children in an effort to ensure the long-term quality and vitality of the school district and surrounding communities.

"Establishing this fund represents a significant step forward for our schools and our community," said Roger Catania, the LPCSD Superintendent of Schools. "The Educational Opportunity Fund for the Lake Placid Central School District opens the door to new and exciting possibilities that will promote excellence and innovation in teaching and learning. During these difficult financial times, it's a breath of fresh air."

The Educational Opportunity Fund for the Lake Placid Central School District is committed to supporting the implementation of the District's strategic goals and other improvement efforts led by LPCSD administrators, teachers, the Board of Education, parent organizations, and the greater community as a source of ideas, expertise, guidance, funding, connections and volunteers. The Fund will provide project-specific seed funds through a grant-making process. Modeled after a handful of highly successful organizations that support public schools in New York State, the Fund will underwrite projects and initiatives outside of the District's operating budget. Possible funding opportunities could include providing grants to teachers for developing new and innovative units of study, developing a summer apprenticeship program, covering the cost of SAT prep courses, or providing school supplies for those families whose needs outweigh their resources. Proposals will be accepted from students, teachers, administrators, community members and potential funders.

Recognizing the opportunities and advancements a fund of this type has the potential to create, the Lake Placid Central School District Board of Education voted 6-0 to endorse this volunteer-led effort. Board president Mary Dietrich stated, "the Board of Education is very excited and appreciative of the hard work and thoughtful approach by the members of the steering committee. The Educational Opportunity Fund for LPCSD has the potential to enhance curriculum and support programs. This will help to eliminate opportunity gaps and allow every child to succeed."

The Educational Opportunity Fund for Lake Placid Central School District will launch its initial fundraising efforts with an Adirondack Gives campaign through the Adirondack Foundation. To make a tax-deductible gift of any size, visit www.adirondackgives.org or the Adirondack Foundation website at www.generousact.org. You may also mail your gift to Educational Opportunity Fund for the Lake Placid Central School District c/o Adirondack Foundation, PO Box 288, Lake Placid, NY 12946.