

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Randall Booker, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **THE PIEDMONT EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTATION OF TIER I
AND TIER II GRANTS**

I. **SUPPORT INFORMATION**

The Piedmont Education Foundation (PEF) is a community-based, not-for-profit organization governed by an independent board of directors. Its mission is to promote academic excellence, champion innovation, and provide sustained financial support to PUSD.

Established in 1975, PEF was founded in order to provide the Piedmont Unified School District with the means to assure educational excellence for all Piedmont students. Early grants were made for enrichment items, such as a Teletype receiver and landscaping at the new Middle School.

PEF's efforts have ranged from supporting the first parcel tax and introducing the Student Directory to establishing the Endowment Fund and supporting a wide range of core programs, capital needs, instructional technology, and professional development opportunities.

With the recent merger of APCP and PEF, the fundraising process has been remarkably streamlined. Working closely with the PEF Grants Committee and PUSD Staff, the District developed a detailed grants proposal, identifying programmatic needs across the elementary and secondary schools. The grant proposal is divided into two categories: Tier I and Tier II.

Tier I grants are dedicated to supporting the District's core programs. Per-capita funding is allocated to each school site in PUSD for a variety of ongoing site-based needs jointly determined by principals, school parent clubs and district leadership, including staffing (e.g., teachers, teacher's aides, reading specialists & counselors); district-wide grants to purchase equipment, upgrade technology and develop curriculum; and grants to individual or small groups of teachers to fund classroom projects.

Tier II grants are dedicated to supporting short-term district-wide and site-specific needs that allow the district to pilot new instructional, professional development or other learning strategies that will further PEF's mission of promoting academic excellence and innovation in PUSD.

The PEF Board recently approved the Tier I and Tier II Grant request. PEF will present a check for \$2.6M to the District to support the academic programs across the District for the 2015-16 school year.

II. **RECOMMENDATION: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

Recommend that the Board of Education accept the \$2.6M donation from the Piedmont Education Foundation.