

**SOMERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

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***PRESS RELEASE***

**For Immediate Release:**

**Somers Education Foundation Provides \$20,000 in grants to Somers School District this year.**

The Somers Education Foundation (SEF) funded ten grants this academic year for a total of \$20,260, its highest total in its 6 year existence. The grants ranged from \$180 to over \$5000 and benefited the entire system from Kindergarten to the High School. In a sign that Somers is beginning to see the potential of the SEF, several groups have joined with it to fund projects. In addition to fully funding 8 projects on its own, the SEF partnered with other groups to fund two projects this year. The SEF teamed up with the Somers Rotary Club to fund 10 computers requested by Peg Cole for her special needs literacy class at the middle school. Similarly, the SEF teamed up with the PTA and PTSA to fund an Internet Safety & Awareness program organized by Linda Dewey.

In another example of teamwork, the SEF was able to fully fund 6 projectors for the high school science department through the efforts of Mr. Robert Hall researching prices on EBay.

Other major grants were for Art Display Panels which will be used by the entire district and the town library, a Technical Display Printer for the high school tech dept and a 21<sup>st</sup> Century World Language program at the middle school.

The Somers Education Foundation is also planning its third annual Family Fun Day for Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Pleasant View Golf Center in Somers from 12 – 4 p.m.. The fun-filled day will include bounce houses, an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, games, DJ, food, a dunk tank, and much more.

The Somers Education Foundation was chartered in 2004 to enhance educational opportunities for all children in the Somers public school system. To date, it has provided over \$95,000 for programs while building a sustainable permanent endowment. To learn more about the Somers Education Foundation go to [www.SEFonline.org](http://www.SEFonline.org) or contact Mr. Louis Bachetti (President) at 860-749-7025 or Dr. Paul Salva (VP) at 860-882-2813.