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MINNESOTA
ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE
FOUNDATION

JULY 1, 1997 - JUNE 30, 1998

*Improving Student Learning and
Education Delivery By:*

*Increasing local accountability for
student and school performance.*

*Creating capacity for schools and
classrooms to continuously improve.*

Engaging students as active partners.

Accelerating value-added partnerships.



MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

We believe *Learning* is the most important work of all young people;

We believe *Young People* need to hear and act on this message;

We believe that *Successful Learning* should be the work of every family, school and community in Minnesota.

In FY1998, MAEF took these messages to heart.

- * We strengthened our work with local communities, because we know that, in the end, it is the people in these communities who must care for and advance their own schools.

- * We looked for new partners in these communities, who share our passion and dedication to student achievement, and we began to forge partnerships with service clubs and other local groups.

- * We accelerated our work with schools and classrooms so that they can begin to train others. We applaud their hard work and the results we are beginning to see.

- * We began to look at ways to bring systems together, such as school superintendents and CEOs from the Minnesota Business Partnership, and ways to embed our learnings within institutionalized delivery systems such as the Department of Children, Families and Learning and Colleges of Education.

- * We responded to requests from urban schools and communities with the design of new methods for delivery of MAEF programs, and we began to deliver our programs in these ways.

In FY1998, we turned to the people - students, families, educators and community members - to gauge our success and plan for the future. We thank the many sponsors and donors and program partners who supported our work. And, we want to take you along on our continuing journey....

The Road To Academic Excellence!

MAEF Executive Committee

MAEF Staff Leadership Team

Train Smart, Study Hard Pledge Now!



Minneapolis Public Schools

Academic League

- A charter member, renewing each year since 1989.
- Has a Student Activities Coordinator and has earned several academic challenge regional championships.
- Academic League Council representative is Irma McIntosh Coleman, Fulton School.
- Gathering of Champions honored 300 students in 1998.

Partners for Quality

- Dowling School received the Pioneer Award for its participation in the pilot phase of Partners for Quality in 1992 and its sustained efforts.
- District accelerated its use of quality in school improvement, with sites as diverse as Community Education, Washburn Senior High, and Unified Services, and the district office.
- District was selected to receive one of six special MAEF training contracts, based on the strength and advancement of its School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) Processes. The district additionally established a Quality Performance Award (QPA) after receiving a School Improvement Performance Contract.

Governor's Scholars

- Students selected to serve in 1997-1998: Shane Bastion, Amber Benimon, Christine Burton, Ericka Sorjourner Davis, Justin Ellis, Heidi Hammond, Taqee Khaled, Shannon McCarthy, Muvumdamina Mutoba, Shavonne Powell, Katherine Preiss, Emanda Thomas, Stephania Vasilescu, Amber Katherine Whitner, Tong Xiong, Pala Xiong.
- Students selected to serve in 1998-1999: Farhiya Noor, Alexander Anderson, Hanna Assefa, Katina Boosalis, Anna Engstrom, Rita Farmer, Steven Froemming, Mina Le, Xiong Lor, Jessica Miller, Alexandra Morris, Richelle Ward, Matthew Xiong.

MAEF Hero Award

- Louise Sundin and Minneapolis Federation of Teachers for the design and deployment of performance-based teacher contracts.

Milken Educators Award

- Mike Huerth, currently principal of South High School, received the prestigious award while principal at Henry Senior High School; now serves on state "think tank" for school technology and accountability with other Milken Educator Awardees.

June Gills Teacher Inspiration Award

- Patricia Carey, Ericsson Elementary School, was a finalist.

Classroom Quality Program

- Sylvia Nicora and Liz Young, Washburn Senior High, were selected; Sylvia was featured in MAEF's new instructional video tape of the program.



Forest Lake Public School

Academic League

- A charter member, renewing each year since 1989.

Governor's Scholars

- Selected to serve for 1998 were Danielle Cole and Victoria Voto, and Matthew Dubay from nearby North Branch and Kindra McGrane from Scandia.



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Hinckley Public Schools

Academic League

- A charter member, renewing each year since 1989.
- District established a Student of the Month recognition program; information is published in the local paper and announced at each school.
- 60% of the students participate in Academic League activities. Math Masters, MN Odyssey of the Mind, Lettering for Excellence, MN Service Cooperative Knowledge Bowl, National History Day and Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl are some of the academic challenges available to students.
- Honors: regional champion student in Math Masters and 3rd place in Odyssey of the Mind.
- Fact: *Hinckley has had an academic lettering program since 1947 - that's 51 years!!!*

Carlton Public Schools

Academic League

- A member since 1991.
- Lettering for Excellence, Governor's Scholars, LifeSmarts, Nobel Conference and FLA are some of the academic challenges and incentives used by the district.
- Honors: LifeSmarts regional champs in 1997, 1998; FLA Star Events - seven gold stars at regional and silver awards at state competition.
- District has a star chapter of the National Honor Society.



Duluth Area Schools

Academic League

- A charter member, renewing each year since 1989.
- Academic lettering programs in every high school.
- Annually participates in the Gathering of Champions; 100 students honored in 1998.
- Academic League Council representative is Mary Ann Rotondi, district office.

Partners for Quality

- District selected to receive one of six MAEF training contracts.
- Quality activities underway at Lincoln Park and Homecroft Elementary.
- Erik Kaiser, Lincoln Park, served on Partners for Quality Technology and Accountability Task Force.

Governor's Scholars

- Selected to serve in 1997-98: Hilary Brown and Dzung Truong.
- Selected to serve in 1998-99: Heidi Gordon, Julia Hart and Andrea Schubert from the Marshall School; Victoria Smith from Toivola-Meadowlands Charter School.

MAEF Hero Awards

- Mary Ann Rotondi for academic league advocacy and volunteer activities and Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation for its work with MAEF and the local schools.

Milken Educator Awards

- Dale Rogers, Homecroft Elementary, received one of the prestigious awards and serves on state-wide "think tank" on technology and school accountability.



In June, 1998, the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation and co-sponsor Grandma's Restaurants ignited celebrations of academic achievement in communities throughout Minnesota. Dr. Stephen Schroeder-Davis, a teacher in Elk River and a MAEF volunteer, led the feature event with a team of runners, stopping in local school districts along the way.

The Road to Academic Excellence left Grandma's Saloon and Deli in Minneapolis, then traveled to Forest Lake, Hinckley and Carlton, before reaching Grandma's Restaurants in Duluth. Along the road, MAEF leaders visited with students, educators, local officials and the media to learn how each district used MAEF services and to celebrate academic accomplishments.

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Awardees

MAEF Heroes (November 1997)

Ashland Inc.
Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation
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Jeanne Kling, State Board of Education
John Turner, ReliaStar, Minneapolis
Gary Sudduth, Minneapolis Urban League (In memorial)
Jan Baker, Chaska
Don Basch, Honeywell
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Irma McIntosh Coleman, Minnetonka
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Nancy Fischer, St. Cloud
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Marilyn Green, Lake Park
Bill Heintz, Queste Quality Systems
Jan Hivley, University of Minnesota
Norm Knuttila, Grand Rapids
Jean Larson, Thief River Falls
Maxine Nathanson, Minneapolis
Peggy Pluimer, Minneapolis
Laurence Risser, Minneapolis
Roger Sauerbrey, United Telephone
Stacy Schultz, Monticello
Larry Smith, Nevis
Estee Stene, Richfield
Arnold Weimerskrich, Honeywell
Mary Ann Rotondi, Duluth

Milken Educators (September 1998)

Brad Board, Minnetonka
Jana Larson, Grand Marais
Matt Naugle, Perham
Sheilah Smith, St. Paul

Milken Educators (October 1997)

Tom Blair, Sauk Rapids
Steve Brehmer, Rochester
Dallas Ray Eggers, Cannon Falls
Mike Huerth, Minneapolis
Elsie Husom, Brainerd
Bonnie Marie Lutz, Evansville
Dr. Janet Pladson, Bloomington
Dale Rogers, Duluth

Ashland Teachers Award (May 1998)

Marcia J. Aubineau, St. Paul
Teresa E. Dahl, Rogers
John L. Eret, Chisago City
Clark E. Erickson, Eden Prairie
Rita S. Hanle, St. Paul
Cynthia L. Hitt, Maple Grove
Eva L. Holt-Howard, Golden Valley
Janice L. Mandell, St. Paul
Ethel A. Nelson, Excelsior
Elizabeth Slocum, Minneapolis

June Gills Teachers Awards (November 1997)

Sharon Cowman, Springfield (winner)
Patricia Carey, Minneapolis (finalist)
Susan Hiemenz, Eden Valley (finalist)
Colleen Lerum, Owatonna (finalist)
Shan Manke, Detroit Lakes (finalist)

Senate Youth (Fall 1997)

Amy Enerson, Bemidji High School (Delegate)
Anthony Lusuardi, St. Anthony Village High School (Delegate)
Abraham Godwin, Oak Grove Academy (Alternate)
Lauren May, Evansville High School (Alternate)

School Enrichment Partnership Grants (February 1998)

Austin School District
Burnsville School District
Carver-Scott Educational Coop District #930
Grand Rapids School District
Hibbing School District
Lake Superior School District
Minnesota Transitions Charter School
Montevideo School District
Moose Lake School District
Northeast Metro Intermediate District #916
Orono School District
Redwood Falls School District
Remer-Longville School District
Stillwater School District
West St. Paul School District
White Bear Lake School District

Partners for Quality School Improvement, Pilot Training Sites (February 1998)

Duluth School District
Minneapolis School District
Robbinsdale School District
Rochester School District
South Washington County Schools District
Worthington School District

School Improvement Performance Contracts (March and July 1998)

ACORN Dual Language Community Charter School
Bagley Public Schools
Centennial Public Schools
Hibbing Public Schools
Fridley Public Schools
Madelia Public Schools
Minneapolis Public Schools
North Branch Public Schools
Robbinsdale Public Schools
Rochester Public Schools
South Washington County Schools
St. Cloud Public Schools
St. Croix River Education District
St. Paul Public Schools

Partners for Quality Pioneer Award (April 1998)

Dowling Environmental School, Minneapolis
Eden Prairie School District

Classroom Quality Program (1997-98)

Susan Anderson, Redwood Valley Middle, Redwood Falls
Colleen Betts, Afton-Lakeland Elementary, Stillwater
Elizabeth Blume, Pearson Elementary, Wheaton
Molly Bray, Cornelia Elementary, Edina
Colin Botten, Sauk Rapids Senior High
David Boyum, Highland Park Senior High, St. Paul
Matthew Cage, Bagley Elementary, Bagley
Jolene Calvin, Central Elementary, Worthington
Jonathon Clark, Hillside Elementary, Sauk Rapids
Suzanne Danielson, Afton-Lakeland Elementary, Stillwater
Betty Ann Danielson, Hoover Elementary, Rochester
Todd Davis, Dover-Eyota High, Dover-Eyota
Kim Davidson, Herman-Norcross, Herman
Brenda Doland, Cornelia Elementary, Edina
Laurie Dimmel, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Schools
Renee Drewicke, Herman-Norcross, Herman
Julie Driver, Sunny Hollow Elementary, New Hope
Jim Eberhardt, Stillwater Junior High, Stillwater
Gregory Euclide, Kingsland High, Kingsland
Carole Feldman, Zachray Lane Elementary, Plymouth
Stephanie Freund, Lincoln Elementary, Glencoe
Phyllis Frisch, Wabasha-Kellogg Elementary, Wabasha
Ing-Marie Gahr, Stillwater Junior High, Stillwater
Shirley Gangstad, Kingsland High School, Spring Valley
Jamie Hand, Kelliher Elementary, Kelliher
Alan Harper, Spring Prairie Elementary, Hawley
Kay Hay, Zachray Lane Elementary, Plymouth
Kim Hiel, Sunny Hollow Elementary, Worthington
Beth Huntly, Zachray Lane Elementary, Plymouth
Mary Johnson, Sauk Rapids-Rice Senior High, Sauk Rapids
David Jones, Oak Grove Int., Bloomington
Pete Kautto, Staples Elementary, Staples
Bonnie Krosiak, East Union Elementary, Carver
Darcy Koch, Central School, Shakopee
Linda Kuhl, Park Elementary, Hutchinson
Henry Krey, Hillside Elementary, Sauk Rapids
Sandra List, Houston Jr/Sr High, Houston
Sandra Logrono, Sauk Rapids-Rice Senior High, Sauk Rapids
Randi Mankusen, Walnut Grove Middle, Walnut Grove



Awardees Continued

Bob Mayne, Burnsville Senior High School, Burnsville
Renee McCuen, Central Elementary, Worthington
Luann Merz, Burnsville Senior High, Burnsville
Ellen Meyer, Dover-Eyota High, Dover-Eyota
Ben Miller, Hillside Elementary, Sauk Rapids
Sandar Montgomery, Oak Grove Int., Bloomington
Jerelyne Nemanich, Central Elementary, Worthington
Sylvia Nicora, Washburn Senior High, Minneapolis
Pat Otis, Jefferson Elementary, Fairbault
Jodi Peterson, Norman County West, Halstad
Kristi Pink, Kelliher Elementary, Kelliher
Susan Porter, Oak Grove Int., Bloomington
Susan Powell, Highland Elementary, Columbia Heights
Sue Rassbach, Jefferson Elementary, Fairbault
Janet Richards, Highland Park Senior High, St. Paul
Rynell Schock, Staples Elementary, Staples
Judy Scanlon, Cornelia Elementary, Edina
Kevin Sieling, Lincoln Elementary, Glencoe
Susan Sievert, Stillwater Jr. High, Stillwater
Trista Stamness, Plainview Elementary, Plainview
Wendy Swihart, Cornelia Elementary, Edina
Debra Ann Thorpe, Park Elm, Hutchinson
Liz Tomten, Stillwater Jr. High, Stillwater
Jeanette Varuska, Central Elementary, Worthington
Gary Von Holtum, JWP Middle School, JWP
Liz Young, Washburn Senior High, Minneapolis

Governor's Scholars (1997-98)

Grant Aaker, St. Cloud
Sarira Alimohamed, Shoreview
Jennifer Anderson, Austin
Caleb Bartley, St. Louis Park
Shane Anton Bastien, Minneapolis
Selah Ben-Haim, Hawley
Amber Benimon, Minneapolis
Aisha A. Bierma, Shoreview
Hilary Brown, Duluth
Christine Burton, Minneapolis
Katie Chae, Plymouth
Barbara Cole, Andover
Joseph Gene Dauner, Hawley
Carol Laura David, Montgomery
Ericka Sojourner Davis, Minneapolis
Katherine Marie Diaz, Edina
Katherine Laura Eiser, Alexandria
Justin Ellis, Minneapolis
Billy Ennen, St. Anthony
Laura Eubanks, Bemidji
Jennifer Rebecca Faber, Monticello
Ken Feucht, Oakdale
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Thasia Giles, Grand Marais
Bryan Goudy, Monticello
Tracy Graphenteen, Hewitt
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Sonia Gupta, Mounds View

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Heidi Hammond, Minneapolis
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Muvumdamina Mutoba, Minneapolis
Yu Ya Mui, Robbinsdale
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Maria Brooke Peterson, Middle River
Kathrin Ladd Peterson, Wayzata
Jeremy Peterson, Lindstrom
Catherine Pflueger, Welch
Shavonne Powell, Minneapolis
Katherine Preiss, Minneapolis
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Linnea Rehnke, Kenyon
Stacy Reicherts, Albert Lea
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Kara Lael Schillerstrom, Monticello
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Vinita Solomon, Plymouth
Sarah Teibel, St. Paul
Emanda Thomas, Minneapolis
Jason Tracy, Plymouth
Dzung Truong, Duluth
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Governor's Scholars (1998-99)

Lotem Almog, Edina
Alexander Anderson, Minneapolis
Alicia Andrews, St. Anthony
Hanna Assefa, Minneapolis
Bryce Baker, Morris
Katina Boosalis, Minneapolis
Soumen Chowdhury, Mankato
Danielle Cole, Forest Lake
Nina Current, Farmington
Rachel Clennon, Austin
April Dahlstrom, Robbinsdale
Louis Doth, Hopkins
Matthew Dubay, Chisago Lakes
Kelly Dudck, St. Paul
Scott Eckert, St. Anthony Village
Anna Engstrom, Minneapolis
Heather Erickson, Annandale

Rita Farmer, Minneapolis
Gregor Feige, Edina
Steven Froemming, Minneapolis
Christopher Gayes, Hopkins
Kara Gleason, Austin
Heidi Gordon, Duluth
Denna Grotjohn, Apple Valley
Shawn Gruenhagen, Mankato
Preeti Gupta, St. Paul
Joshua Michael Halverson, Arlington
Julia Hart, Duluth
Lesley Ihle, Thief River Falls
Daniel Jacobs, Robbinsdale
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Gathering of Champions

Congratulations to our 15,000 Academic All-Stars!

Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation
FY 1998 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
JULY 1, 1997 - JUNE 30, 1998
(AS OF AUGUST 31, 1998)

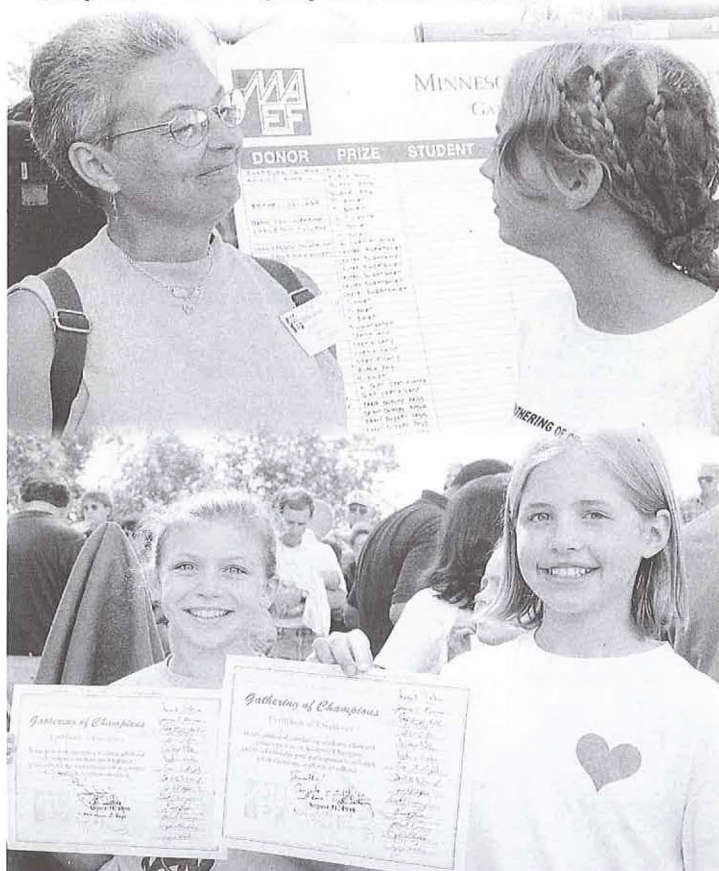
INCOME

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Government Grants, Contracts	2,722,000	2,722,000
Friends for MAEF (Foundations, Corporations, Individuals)	97,288	99,494
(Interest Income)	8,000	—
Membership Fees	25,000	35,462
Program Fees	46,500	94,243
Inkind	*	*
	<hr/> 2,898,728	<hr/> 2,951,199

EXPENSES

Administration		98,035
Staff	80,000	
Board and Volunteers	10,000	
Fund Development	10,000	
Office-MAEF	*	
Program Support		440,848
Staff-Salaries and Benefits	263,800	
-Contracts	176,800	
-Travel and Expenses	15,400	
Field Offices	10,000	
Program Delivery		
Partners for Quality	92,000	101,472
Partnerships: Awards	17,500	6,469
Publication, Events	17,792	19,620
Governor's Scholars	33,000	31,656
Academic League	14,000	12,973
Gathering of Champions	20,000	20,429
Community Organization	13,436	10,400
Research and Development	25,000	13,533
Support to Schools, Educators, Students		
Performance Contracts	1,100,000	870,700
Enrichment Grants	500,000	500,000
Training Contracts	500,000	470,389
Teacher Awards	*	*
Business Partners	*	*
Student Awards	*	*
	<hr/> 2,898,728	<hr/> 2,596,524

* Inkind Support = Collaborations with Department, Milken Family Foundation, Ashland Inc., business and college support to Gathering of Champions, Partners for Quality and Governor's Scholars.



**ACTIONS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
1998

- ✓ Adopted a Conflict of Interest Statement for MAEF Board members, an expansion of previously adopted guidelines for ethical practices.
- ✓ Adopted a Code of Conduct for MAEF Board members.
- ✓ Established format and budget for first MAEF Annual Meeting Dinner and Awards Banquet.
- ✓ Authorized Academic League Council to operate temporarily outside of MAEF by-laws; amended by-laws.
- ✓ Directed staff to focus on highest program and fundraising priorities and to not sacrifice high performances of these priorities by becoming engaged in other activities.
- ✓ Approved a three-tiered fee structure for student activities and added a statement of accessibility recommended by the State Board of Education.
- ✓ Approved a proposal to explore forming a partnership with the Minnesota Twins.
- ✓ Authorized a review of the Contract Resolution with the Friends for Academic Excellence Board of Directors and other activities related to joint work with the Friends for MAEF.
- ✓ Approved staff recommendations for expenditures related to office move.
- ✓ Authorized staff to advance collaborative work with the Department of Children, Families and Learning and conditions for new collaborations.
- ✓ Approved Executive Committee recommendations related to changes in the State Board of Education:
 - ▼ MAEF will take no position on the continuance or non-continuance of the State Board of Education.
 - ▼ The MAEF Board will recommend to the Legislature that the MAEF Board select its own Chair and hire its own executive director and staff with participation of the Commissioner.
 - ▼ The MAEF Board will recommend to the Legislature that the Commissioner of Children, Families and Learning continue to serve as Secretary and not as Secretary and Chair.
 - ▼ The MAEF Board will go on record and communicate to the State Board of Education that MAEF has had a positive and long-standing relationship with the State Board of Education.
- ✓ Approved the FY1999 Board Administrative Priorities which will become the Board's Plan of Work.
- ✓ Approved the FY1999 Plan of Work, Key Results Needed, Staffing Plan and Budget.
- ✓ Approved the FY1997 Annual Report.

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Burger King
Camp Snoopy
Carlton College
Chanhasen Dinner Theater
Children's Home Society
Chippewa Springs Water
College of St. Catherine
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- * Facilitating systemic improvement to increase student learning and advance educator practice.
- * Creating values in society which demand academic achievement by and for all learners.
- * Creating partnerships with the private sector, government, the media and local communities to focus public attention on academic achievement, to foster innovation in stakeholder collaborations and to advance student learning.



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