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Andover Public Schools Receives \$100,000 Cummings Grant

Andover, Mass. -- Andover Public Schools (APS) was recently awarded a \$100,000 grant through the Cummings Foundation "100K for 100" program. The Cummings Foundation annually provides \$100,000 to local non-profits and this year. This year, Andover Public Schools was chosen from 574 applicants following a competitive review process.

The grant will enable all five APS elementary schools to focus on cultural proficiency, identity and introspection through professional development opportunities for teachers. Additionally, elementary students will have the opportunity to explore their own identities through literature and the arts, service learning, and experiences within their communities. The grant will be managed by South School Principal Tracy Crowley and Assistant Principal Kathy Caron.

"The Cummings '100K for 100' grant will accelerate our initiative to improve civics education. Educating our children to be part of an inclusive community requires tolerance and open-mindedness, appreciation of diverse cultures and respect for multiple abilities and perspectives," notes Superintendent Sheldon Berman. "The grant offers significant opportunities for helping APS achieve these goals."

"By having such a local focus, we aim to make a meaningful positive difference in the communities where our colleagues and leasing clients live and work," said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation's executive director. "We are most grateful for the nonprofit organizations that assist and empower our neighbors, and we are proud to support their efforts."

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex and Suffolk counties. Through the place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 10 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

About APS: The mission of the Andover Public Schools, in partnership with the entire Andover community, is to educate by engaging and inspiring students to develop as self-reliant, responsible citizens who are thinkers, problem solvers, and contributors prepared to participate in an evolving global society.



Christina Berthelsen, Cummings Foundation Grant Manager awarding \$100,000 to grant recipients, South School Principal Tracy Crowley and Assistant Principal Kathy Caron.

This year's diverse group of grant recipients represents a variety of causes including homelessness prevention, affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

The complete list of the 100 grant winners is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

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