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Dear Administrators, Staff and Faculty:

The Elementary District 181 Foundation is excited to solicit grant proposals for the 2009-2010 cycle. You are invited to review the grant application criteria and procedures and submit your application by March 1, 2010. We encourage you to be creative and innovative with your proposal. If you would like to see a list of grants awarded in the past, please visit our website at [www.181foundation.org](http://www.181foundation.org).

The Foundation works primarily to fulfill two objectives; (1) to meet important needs of District 181 that are not or cannot be funded by tax revenues or other sources, and (2) to supplement and enrich the educational experiences of the students in District 181.

Grant applications will be evaluated according to whether and the extent to which they:

- Have district-wide value
- Enhance the curriculum and/or long-term strategic goals of the District
- Actively engage students and impact student learning
- Exhibit innovation and creativity
- Involve short-term funding not otherwise available from other sources
- Serve as a seed, pilot or model for other schools/programs
- Include qualitative and detailed evaluation criteria and budget

The grants committee will carefully evaluate all of the above criteria.

Applications are available from the principals at each school or online at [www.181foundation.org](http://www.181foundation.org). If you have questions, please call or e-mail Helena Puche, (630) 655-8775, [hpuche@sbcglobbal.net](mailto:hpuche@sbcglobbal.net)

Proposals are due by March 1, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. and should be directed to the District 181 Foundation at P.O. Box, 715, Hinsdale, IL 60522.

Grant awards will be announced no later than May 3, 2010. Grant recipients will be recognized in May at a Board of Education meeting and will be notified in advance of the specific date. We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your creativity.

Sincerely,

Helena Puche  
Grants Committee Chair