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Dear Educator:

Hello! Thank you for your commitment to education and the betterment of our young people. Once again, this year, we invite you to apply for a Grant from the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce **Golden Bell** Education Foundation. **Please read this letter in its entirety as there are new directives.**

As you are aware, the purpose of the Foundation’s granting process is to stimulate innovation and enhance student achievement. Along these lines, it has become evident that schools are looking to support greatly needed programs that will help students to exhibit academic proficiency and a well-rounded education. In an effort to support the schools in this endeavor, we have changed the criteria for this years **Golden Bell** grants. **After careful consideration, it was decided that our 2007 granting process will support the Palm Beach County School District’s Initiative, “Arts Education”.**

In today’s global economy children must know how to read, write and do arithmetic. But in order to be prepared for the ever growing technological society for which we live, we must not over look the importance of the arts in education and what they can do for the mind and spirit of every child.

Studies have shown there is a strong correlation between incorporating arts education into the current curriculum and improved scores on standardized tests, so we ask you to challenge the future and take full advantage of this years grant process.

GRANTS SHOULD TARGET INCORPORATING ARTS EDUCATION (VISUAL ARTS, MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA AND MULTI-ARTS PROGRAMS) INTO CORE CURRICULUM IN ANY CLASSROOM, INCLUDING; READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

Please ask your teachers to take advantage of this opportunity. Please read the guidelines carefully, particularly Section III, D and E. We will accept multiple applications, however, incomplete applications or those lacking detailed purchasing information will not be considered.

Requests must be received by the Foundation no later than Friday, May 25, 2007. Selections will be made during the month of June. You will be notified of the status of your grant(s) immediately following the selection process. Funding will be awarded in September. To view the important information on the Arts Education Initiative please go to www.educationfoundationpbcc.org/ then click on the Community Report Arts Education Image. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Miller at 561.395.4433 ext. 227 or email to jennifer@bocaratonchamber.com. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you the best of luck in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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