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Friends of Bidwell,

Credit for the good work the BJHS Foundation has done at Bidwell since 2005 goes entirely to our donors. Your Board of Directors has had the enjoyable task of directing over \$40,000 in donations to classrooms and educational programs. These grants have enhanced the opportunities for Bidwell students to succeed. The money has been allocated to three general categories:

1) The majority of the donated funds has been disbursed in the form of cash grants to classrooms. Prior to the year 2000, teachers and site administrators had been granted adequate discretionary funds with which to purchase supplies, materials, and equipment needed to support educational programs. As the 21st century rolled around, tightened budgets reduced the monies available to staff for discretionary purchases, in some cases to zero. You Donors and the BJHS Foundation came to the rescue, granting about \$3,000 to classrooms and educational programs each school year.

2) Since 2007, Donors have directed a portion of their contributions to the John Schulz Memorial Endowment. The Board established the endowment in 2007 with the goal of having it grow into a permanent source of funding for Bidwell students. The plan is to increase the value of the Fund so that interest and dividends can be used for Bidwell without reducing the capital amount. Presently, the cash value of the Endowment is approximately \$25,000.

3) The third category of Foundation spending has been to grant funds to support individual students. Bidwell has many foster care and homeless students who are without any family financial support. Some of these youngsters live in shelters, in vehicles, or on the couches of relatives or friends. In the past, we have supplied these kids with backpacks, basic school supplies, and occasionally, bus passes so they could get to and from school in inclement weather. This support has proved to be inadequate in some cases. We plan to increase support to include gym class uniforms as well as shoes and articles of clothing as needed. We are going to need an increase in donations to enable this additional support. Please note that starting this Fall, sixth graders will be attending the junior high schools; this will increase enrollment and the population of needy students by 64%.

The Foundation is once again participating in the annual community Annie B's Fundraising Drive during August and September. Annie B's fund drive is our single source of funds. We hope that you will include the BJHS Foundation in your charitable, tax-deductible giving.

Sincerely,

Mike Christensen
President

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Go to www.bidwelljrhighfoundation.com, click the "donate" box and you will be redirected to the NVCF website. Select the "Donate Now" box, fill in required info and then click "DONATE".

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