

Dear Dr. Franczyk:

On behalf of the trustees and staff of The Grable Foundation, we are so grateful for your leadership in your school district and across our region. Thank you. Together with Grable Fellows Dr. Bille Rondinelli and Dr. Bart Rocco, we will support you in ways that we can, as you advance future-driven learning in your schools. With nearly four dozen districts across western Pennsylvania participating in Learning 2025, our region is a lighthouse for public education in America.

If you will please confirm receipt of this email, and the conditions listed herein, The Grable Foundation will send your school district a grant-award check totaling \$9,477. This amount – *together with the outstanding balance of \$6,640 awarded by The Grable Foundation last year to support your district's participation in Western PA Learning 2025 Alliance (funds that The Grable Foundation authorizes you to retain and use to support what's outlined below)* – is meant to support four (4) things:

\$3,117 of the \$6,234 fee you must pay to AASA to participate in [Learning 2025](#) during the 2024-25 school year. Please make full use of your [extended benefits](#) as a Demonstration System. Importantly, your district is eligible to participate – for no additional cost – in one AASA [Cohort](#) (e.g., Advancing Rural Education, Authentic Family Engagement, Early Learning, etc.).

Up to \$10,000 (no more than \$2,500 per person per trip) to support you and your school leaders to participate in at least one of three national conferences (listed below). We recommend that at least two (2) people attend NCE. Also, up to \$2,500 can be used to participate in any educational learning event in any location worldwide.

- The National Conference on Education (NCE), scheduled to be held in New Orleans, March 6-8, 2025 (with pre-conference events scheduled for March 5)
- SXSWEDU in Austin, TX, March 3-6, 2025 (in conjunction with Remake Learning)
- The ASU-GSV Summit in San Diego, CA, April 7-9, 2025. (You must request a scholarship – which includes registration fees and hotel costs – directly from Valerie Truesdale at AASA to attend this event: vtruesdale@aasa.org)

Up to \$1,000 to host a free, community-facing event during Remake Learning Days 2025 (i.e., dates to be set for May 2025 by Remake Learning), so that your district can demonstrate to your school community how your schools are advancing future-driven learning for your students and families. You'll need to register your event via www.remakelearningdays.org

Up to \$2,000 for you to distribute to no less than two (2) and no more than four (4) teachers or administrators in your school district to advance one "little bet" (i.e., to *do* something) so that students and families in your district can experience your district's goals related to Learning 2025 and the Western PA Learning 2025 Alliance. Good examples from among local school districts last year included setting up new learning spaces, hosting special events for families, and purchasing supplies to support innovative instruction. These funds should not be used to support travel, consultants, or professional development.

These various award amounts should be used only for the purposes outlined above. **The Grable Foundation will request a simple accounting of these funds by May 28, 2025**, and any funds not expended for these purposes may need to be returned to The Grable Foundation. If, during the 2024-2025 school year, your school district ceases to participate in Learning 2025 and the Western PA Learning 2025 Alliance, the entire amount of the grant award (no matter if funds have been spent) must be returned to The Grable Foundation.

In addition to the financial support listed above, The Grable Foundation will supplement your participation in Learning 2025 with free local programs and services designed specifically for the school districts that participate in the Western PA Learning 2025 Alliance. You may be able to earn Act 45 credits by participating in these local Learning 2025 workshops.

Please connect directly with Dr. Bille Rondinelli and Dr. Bart Rocco to discuss how you and your district can take full advantage of the national and local resources available to support you, your learning, and your leadership: billejeanrondinelli@gmail.com and rocco187@comcast.net

By June 20, 2024, please affirm your agreement to participate as outlined in this email by replying to Devin Cecere (devin@grable.org – cc:ed on this email) – and we will send your grant-award funds to participate in Learning 2025 and the Western PA Learning 2025 Alliance during the 2024-25 school year. Please also let us know in which (free) AASA Cohort you plan to participate.

Thank you,
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The Grable Foundation

Co-Author of [When You Wonder, You're Learning](#)