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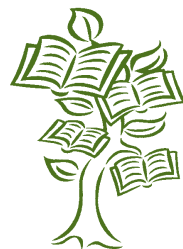
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## HISTORY

The Falmouth Education Foundation, Inc. was established four years ago in the belief that quality public education is a critical component of a thriving community. The decision to support the Falmouth Public Schools with private funding for grants targeted to innovative classroom projects was made by the Foundation's Board of Directors after extensive research was conducted on the experience and success of other educational foundations throughout Massachusetts and the rest of the country.

## HOW THE MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED

Teachers and school staff apply to the foundation for grants to fund creative, high quality and well planned projects which the school system cannot fund in a given year due to budgetary constraints. Teachers develop projects they feel will challenge their students while engaging them in a creative way in the learning process. Each project brings new ideas to the classroom and often to other classes or even other schools in the district. The Education Committee of the Foundation reviews all the grants and makes recommendations to the full Board for final funding decisions.

## EVALUATION

Once a project has been funded, a member of the Education Committee follows up on the project during the following academic year with a visit to the classroom and conversations with the teacher who requested the grant. Usually one or two teachers are asked to come to a Board meeting during the year and tell the Board about the success of their project. The teacher's enthusiasm and expertise, coupled with the difference a few thousand dollars can make in a classroom, are exciting for the Board to see.



Enriching the Science curriculum at the East Falmouth Elementary School.



Falmouth High School students find out whether their physics calculations were correct when they programmed their Lego robots to move about.  
Photograph by Mike Tavilla

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