



Bridgeport Public Schools

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Pitney Bowes awards technology grants to Bridgeport Public Schools

Edison School to host Pitney Bowes check presentation on Thurs., Sept 27

Bridgeport, CT – September 24, 2007 – Pitney Bowes Inc. will award \$20,000 in grant funding to Bridgeport Public Schools at a check presentation at Edison School on Thurs. Sept 27 at 10 a.m. Pitney Bowes Vice President and General Manager of Customer Marketing & Sales Allyn Briggs and Superintendent Dr. John J. Ramos, Ed.D will be speaking.

In the beginning of the 2007-08 academic year, Pitney Bowes Inc. allocated \$20,000 in grant monies to support Bridgeport Public Schools. Currently, \$11,947 has been designated to fund technology grants for Paul Laurence Dunbar, Edison Elementary, Maplewood Annex and Louis Munoz Marin Schools.

“By means of these grants, Pitney Bowes will give our schools the materials necessary to improve the way we interact with and effectively teach our students,” said Dr. Ramos. “Bridgeport Public Schools seeks to provide the best education possible, and Pitney Bowes’ generous contribution will help us achieve this goal.”

The following four grants have been awarded to date:

- Dunbar School will receive \$3,645 to purchase of a multileveled Reader's Theater program, designed with scripts to enhance creativity as well as verbal and writing skills;
- Edison School will receive \$1,480 to purchase an Elmo document reader to assist with both in-class instruction and professional development activities. The document reader displays text for students and teachers during shared reading and interactive read alouds;
- Maplewood Annex School will receive \$3,429 to purchase two laptops and 16 flash drives to use in conjunction with the school's 6 Smart Boards; and
- Marin School will receive \$3,393 to purchase a laptop, led projector and Smart Board to present interactive PowerPoint presentations for parent workshops and teachers' professional development activities.

More grants will be funded as schools continue to submit requests.

"The Pitney Bowes Literacy and Education Fund is proud to offer support for these innovative technological programs," said Polly O'Brien Morrow, President, Literacy and Education Fund. "It is critical that students, at an early age, learn how necessary and important technology is to their future. These programs will give students a hands-on experience to inspire confidence in their use of technology as they progress in grade level."

Pitney Bowes Inc. has a long-standing history of supporting the communities in which its employees live and work. In 2004 Pitney Bowes Inc. developed a Community Investments Committee (CIC), which reviews and awards grant applications for Bridgeport nonprofit organizations. Seventy percent of funds from the CIC support literacy and education programs.

The mission of the Bridgeport Public Schools and its supporting community is to graduate all students "college ready" and prepared to succeed in life. For more information about Bridgeport Public Schools visit the website at www.bridgeportedu.com.