

October 23, 2020

Dear Barry Community Foundation Directors,

2020 has been quite an adventure! The TAEF Board of Directors has been evaluating how to best serve our friends and neighbors during this unprecedented time. The needs of our community and TK Schools are greater than ever.

Yearly, Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation allocates \$10,000.00 to community and educational grants. We also host Trivia Night and allocate the profits to our granting fund. Typically we can contribute \$13,000.00 to our community and school system! Due to COVID-19, we were unable to host our annual Trivia Night event. Last year we received \$21,000.00 in grant requests. Our requests always surpass our assets.

Our Board of Directors met and discussed how to fundraise during these remarkable times. To keep our community strong and to continue enhancing the educational environment at TK we decided that TAEF was going to engage our entire community in a Battle Royale. The TAEF Battle of the Classes! TK Alumni coming together to help current TK Students and our community! This fundraiser begins on October 23, 2020, and ends on November 8, 2020. Fingers crossed that this fundraiser will be successful!

TAEF has focused on Community and Educational Granting. Approximately five years ago we were awarded a Love Where You Live Grant and utilized those funds to promote Downtown Middleville. If TAEF is awarded a 400 Club Grant we would utilize those funds for Business Granting or perhaps an event that would focus on the Business Community in Middleville.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this grant. We appreciate the vision that BCF has in creating this event!

Respectfully,

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