

# Raytown Educational Foundation

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Report to the Board of Education for December 11, 2023

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Raytown Educational Foundation Board of Trustees' Meeting Highlights for November 29, 2023

**Teaching & Learning Grants** – Two 2023-24 Teaching & Learning Grant recipients presented their reports to the REF Board of Trustees and entertained questions from board members.

- **LIFE University** – REF provided the blue coat uniforms and name badges for the LIFE University interns through a Teaching & Learning Grant. Board members watched the LIFE University video created by RQS Communications department for its “Ray of Hope” series. Teacher, Vivian McKinney, shared unexpected benefits of the uniforms as well as describing the “coating ceremony” for the interns that took place in September. The coating ceremony was modeled after the traditional white coat ceremony that takes place when a student enters medical school. Like the white coat ceremony, the LIFE University coat ceremony had parents placing the coat on the interns to mark this important transition in their lives.
- **STEM in the Gym** – REF has been a sponsor of the district’s STEM in the Gym event for the last eight years. REF provides the funds for the event to host science demonstrations from KC Mad Science. This year’s demonstrations included “Up, Up & Away” a demonstration of air and pressure, “Fire & Ice” a demonstration of chemical reactions, and “Stunt Plane Fun” a hands-on activity for students to create a plane and fly it toward a target.

**Student Recognition** – REF holds celebration events to recognize high school students each quarter. Each quarter has a different area for recognition. First Quarter’s recognition criteria was tardies. Future quarter recognition criteria include academics, attendance, and behavior. First Quarter’s “Fall Fest” recognized students at both high schools who had no more than 7 tardies from the first day of school through the last day of the quarter, October 13. Eligible students at both schools received a blue or red sprinkle cupcake during lunch.

- Raytown High
  - Eligible Students – 659 students – 48% of total student enrollment
- Raytown South High
  - Eligible Students – 592 students – 50% of total student enrollment

**Save the Date** – REF will hold its 9<sup>th</sup> annual “Share the Love” community breakfast on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

