

ROTARY DISTRICT 5440 GRANT LITERACY PROPOSAL
BY LOVELAND ROTARY CLUB

The Thompson School District (located in Loveland, CO) has many elementary students below grade level in reading. The District has identified electronic learning devices (iPad Mini's or Chromebooks) as effective tools in literacy improvement. However, the District has a limited budget and has only been able to provide an average of 1 device for every five students. Teachers tell us that to effectively use these devices in their classrooms, they need 1 device for every two students.

In order to address this issue, the Loveland Rotary Club wants to help the schools in the most need achieve the 1:2 ratio. Estimated cost is \$4000/elementary school. To cover two schools would require an amount of \$4000 from a District Grant plus \$4000 matching funds from the Loveland Rotary Club. The School District provides software, teacher training and maintenance. In addition to providing rapid word definition look up capability, the devices can also be used for five other literacy skills: letter sounds, phonics, fluency, comprehension and writing. Teachers would also use the devices for improving math skills and project-based learning using Internet resources.

Project: Tablets for Literacy
Project Number: P-1334

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Item: Sets of iPad Mini's or Chromebooks for 3rd Grade Classes at an Elementary School
Quantity: 4 schools
Unit Cost: \$2000
Total Cost: \$8000