



October 7, 2019

Rotary Club of Jackson Hole  
c/o Stuart Palmer  
TRF and International Chair  
300 Sylvania Drive  
Jackson, WY 83001-9220

Re: Governor's Grant - Books for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders – Teton County School District #1

Dear Rotary District Governor Chris Woodruff,

I am a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole. As Superintendent of Teton County School District #1, I was thrilled to learn that my Rotary Club intends to provide a library reading book to all of this year's Third Grade Students within the district. This will be an important opportunity to increase our students' reading comprehension.

In addition, it is my understanding that our Membership Chair (Past President Casey Morton) will soon re-start a "Read to Me" program in conjunction with the purchase of these books. Our club members, including many of our 20 new members in the past year, will be working with our elementary school teachers to enter the classrooms for a half hour of reading to the students each week. It has been several years since this program ended. We are pleased to have Rotarians participate in what was once a very successful and beneficial program for students and Rotarians alike.

In 2016, the Teton County Board of Trustees approved "Success 2022" setting a high bar that 100% of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be proficient readers and mathematicians, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be proficient writers and our graduates will be life ready by the year 2022. We are fortunate to have the support of the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole to reach these lofty goals. In order to educate students in our country, we truly need the involvement and advocacy of the community to develop relationships. The Jackson Hole Rotary Club strongly supports graduates through the annual gift of more than \$200,000. The Rotary Club's book grant is in directly aligned with our district goals and enables our youngest students the best opportunity to develop strong reading skills and a relationship with caring adults in the community.

On behalf of Teton County Schools, I am pleased to endorse this Governor's Grant to purchase reading books for our Third Grade students while having Rotarians read to our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gillian Chapman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gillian Chapman  
Superintendent