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Ledyard Educational Advancement Fund
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Dear LEAF members,

We want thank you for your commitment to our school library media centers. The implementation of Destiny and purchase of iPad carts have transformed the instruction we provide to students in our library media programs.

We now have the tools to teach students to locate both print and digital resources. We teach students how to effectively search the Internet by parsing search terms and creating queries. We teach students how to evaluate and select web sites. We now have the technology to allow students to independently practice those skills. We are able to teach Digital Citizenship utilizing web based lessons. We are collaborating with teachers more than ever to create rich research projects. We are using technology to teach students the research process and to create multimedia projects.

We now have the ability to purchase a variety electronic databases, like Encyclopedia Britannica, which provides multiple reading levels for differentiation. Like Destiny, students can access these databases both at school and at home. We collaborate with teachers and we instruct students how to access information from the databases for their classroom projects.

Independent reading has increased as students are now able to digitally search and put holds on books they want to read. We teach students how to keep track of what have read, want to read and how to recommend books to friends through Destiny. We are able to provide eBooks through Destiny. We carefully select eBooks to support the Common Core. Teachers are able to access eBooks on their Promethean Boards to use in their instruction and students are able to access them to read at home.

We apologize that each of us had conflict the evening of this year's LEAF dinner. Please know we are very sorry we had to miss the event as we do look forward to celebrating the work LEAF does for our schools.

We want you to know how much we appreciate all you have done to help us modernize our libraries and for giving us the tools to provide the best services and instruction to our students.

Sincerely,

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