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Dear Friend,

Education is in the news. When you open your paper or listen to the news, everyone is talking about the need to improve education. Often, the story is how the current local economy has challenged us to find ways to fund our student's educational experience.

At The South Bend Public Education Foundation, we are committed to more than talk. We are committed to building strong educational environments for our children by investing in professional development. We are targeting your donation to fund creative teacher grants and whole-school staff training in reading. We are close to fulfilling our financial commitment to Coquillard and Marquette Primary Centers for the current school-year.

To reach our goal, we are grateful to announce a **Presidents' Matching Grant Challenge**, designated for the reading program. Past Foundation presidents, Louis LaPierre, Robert Laven, and Thomas Troeger, M.D., along with current president Brian Kubicki have agreed to match up to \$10,000, which will be awarded upon the successful match of the funds. This fund drive will complete the Coquillard and Muessel grants that have helped over 800 students this year.

Next, we'll focus on Marquette and Perley Primary Centers, which means we will have trained nine of the Title I schools in high-need areas. To raise the necessary funds for training the staff of Marquette and Perley Primary Centers, we will hold the third annual "Our Towne Truck Pull." We have worked to **match each South Bend public school with a business partner for the event**. We have a few schools still in need of a partner. The event will also feature an Our Towne Community Faire atmosphere. Please join us on September 24<sup>th</sup> for a community celebration for reading! Visit [www.edfo.org](http://www.edfo.org) OR <http://firstgiving.com/edfo> for details.

**Thank you for sharing in the vision that a student who can read is prepared to learn, to graduate and to ultimately lead.** Please join our campaign for literacy and help create today's readers and tomorrow's leaders by returning your donation in the enclosed envelope. You will be helping us meet our match and increase reading support for your community's students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan L. Warner".

Susan L. Warner  
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