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ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION RECEIVES A \$70,000 FAIRMOUNT MINERALS FOUNDATION GRANT Money Will Help Fund the District's \$200,000 One-to-One Computing Initiative

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St. Joseph, Mich. — The St. Joseph Public Schools (SJPS) Foundation recently received a grant of \$70,000 from Fairmount Minerals that will be used for the school district's One-to-One Computing initiative. In 2011, the SJPS Foundation committed \$200,000, over the next three years, to help the SJPS district accomplish the goal of putting a computing device into the hands of every one of its students, grades 6-12.

The success of the One-on-One Computing program will not only be evident in improved standardized test results such as SAT, ACT and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) tests, but it will also be proven in the student's success of Advanced Placement programs and college readiness goals. Bill Marohn, SJPS Foundation president said, "The grant reflects Fairmount Mineral's commitment to our community."

Fairmount Minerals, a sand mining company with 26 locations nationwide, has a corporate office in Benton Harbor that employs 16 people. Each year the corporation identifies a targeted segment for its grants. In 2011, the targeted segment was education. Each location's Community Investment Team is responsible for allocating funds. This year the local team selected One-to-One Computing project.

Brenda Wright, a member of the local Fairmount Minerals Community Investment Team said, "We are thrilled to give St. Joseph Public Schools the opportunity to expand their technology to educate their students. Fairmount Minerals has a high priority to give back to its surrounding communities. In 2011, our focus was on K-12 education in the communities where we currently live and work. We had committees at each Fairmount Minerals site that submitted the grant requests to the Fairmount Foundation for consideration. The decision by the foundation was unanimous. They felt that the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation's project, One-to-One Computing, shows its commitment to the students, school and community."

In a letter announcing the grant, Kristin Lewis of the Fairmount Minerals Foundation stated, "At Fairmount Minerals we understand that thriving communities help pave the way for a brighter, more prosperous future. We strive to connect with our communities by contributing time, talent and treasure in hopes of making a difference in the world. In 2011, we continued our legacy of social responsibility by lending a helping hand to the people and places that contribute to our prosperity by supporting educational institutions in the areas that our Fairmount Family Members work and live."

The St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation was established in 1996 by a group of citizens to ensure that the quality of education for students is maintained at a high standard. Independent of the school district, this group of volunteers is committed to securing and delivering the needed support for maintaining, expanding and enhancing educational opportunities for the district's children and, thus, improving the future of the community. To participate in the "Brick by Brick" fundraiser or to learn more about the Foundation, visit www.stjosephpublicschoolsfoundation.org or call (269) 926-3252.

For additional information please visit the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation web site at www.stjosephpublicschoolsfoundation.org or contact Christine Waterhouse, Foundation Coordinator at 926-3252 or cwaterhouse@sjschools.org.