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Dear friend and supporter of the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation,

These are challenging times for all of us as individuals and as institutions. Just as we are trying to adapt to new realities in our personal lives, we in the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation (NBEF) are also trying to adapt to new realities facing Nassau BOCES and its students. Our mission in the NBEF is to enhance educational offerings in all Nassau BOCES schools; we are proud to have supported 44 projects totaling approximately \$75,000 in the current year alone.

But now... with Nassau BOCES schools shuttered and potential enhancement projects on hold, the NBEF board is facing a new challenge: Some Nassau BOCES students cannot participate in on-line classes because they do not have a computer; some Nassau BOCES students are facing dire housing situations; some Nassau BOCES students are struggling for food. Responding to these circumstances, the NBEF board in an emergency meeting voted to go beyond our stated mission to offer instead direct help to Nassau BOCES students in need. Working with Nassau BOCES principals, we will distribute \$50,000 in grants (up to \$300 per student) to students in the Special Education and Regional Schools and Instructional Programs Departments. Our funds may be used for educational tools, such as computers and hot spots or for basic needs for living, such as housing and food. One Nassau BOCES principal, in tears, has called our plan "simply amazing."

We are reaching out to you as an NBEF supporter to help us in this special and timely effort. You have donated in the past to Nassau BOCES through your support of our events and, in particular, our annual Educational Partner Awards Gala and annual golf tournament. We appeal to you now to help us strengthen the abilities and capabilities of Nassau BOCES students by making a special donation at this time. You may donate online at [www.nbeducationalfoundation.org](http://www.nbeducationalfoundation.org) or mail your check made out to the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation to the above address. As you know, the NBEF is a 501c3 organization; all donations are tax deductible. 100% of your donation will be given to a student in need.

Let me assure you that your donation will have an important impact right now on the quality of life and well-being of a very thankful Nassau BOCES student.

With best wishes and deep gratitude from all of us in the NBEF,

**John G. Gangemi**

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