

Sound Equipment Donated to New High School

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Through the generosity of area donors, as well as the dedication of the members of the Windham Endowment for Community Advancement, another significant gift has been given to Windham High School; a facility that opened to students this past September.

Currently, Windham Endowment members are conducting the Capital Campaign for the Fine Arts, a project that has already begun reaping benefits for Windham High School students. During the February 15 school board meeting, Windham Endowment spokesperson Diane Carpenter presented a donation of \$5,264 to purchase eight additional sound-pac channels, plus a receiver. Carpenter said the equipment will be used mostly for plays at the high school, but can also be used for any type of presentation, including public meetings.

Prior to the donation, the high school had six sound-pac channels. With the donation of eight more additional sound-pacs, the school has the full complement (14) of what is needed to achieve the best sound quality and resolution.

School Board members accepted the donation from Windham Endowment, with sincere gratitude, by a vote of 5 to 0. All voting in favor of the gift were Chairman Bruce Anderson, Vice Chairman Mike Hatem, Jeff Bostic, Edward Gallagher, and Daphne Kenyon.

In keeping with the significance of this project, the Windham Endowment for Community Advancement is raising funds through the 2010 school year to include facilities and equipment beyond those supplied by the school bond. Their focus is on three main areas of interest: Fine Arts, Science, and Alternative Energy.

Through donor generosity to Fine Arts, the non-profit organization has already given several items to the town's very first public high school. Following the gifts of instruments in June (a baby grand piano, a bassoon, and symphonic chimes), in December, the Endowment presented the school board with funding for a portable acoustical shell, one that can be used both in the auditorium and elsewhere in the school.

Carpenter said that Windham Endowment is "always looking for new donors" to assist with these campaigns. For more information, go to

www.windhamendowment.org.