

Newton Public Schools



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Dr. David Fleishman
Superintendent, Newton Public Schools
100 Walnut Street
Newton, MA 02460

Dear Dr. Fleishman,

I am pleased to let you know that an anonymous donor has offered to purchase equipment and supplies to enhance the opportunities available to biology students at Newton South. The new equipment will afford our teachers the opportunity to engage in more advanced work with students, enhancing our genetics units to incorporate cutting edge biotechnology. While in the past we have relied on borrowing a few Electrophoresis units from area universities to work with a handful of classes, we will now have the opportunity to use six of our own units, enabling *all* of our biology classes to engage in meaningful biotechnology work with this equipment. The cost of these units is \$2792, including shipping.

In addition to this equipment, the donor felt strongly about making sure that each student taking a first year biology class would have the opportunity to engage in a rigorous dissection. As such, the donor has generously offered to fund the purchase of 100 Double Injected Preserved Rat Specimens at a cost of \$1282. That donation will enable us the luxury of providing one specimen for every 4-5 students currently taking a first year biology course, and to offer them a formative experience that was often a mainstay of high school biology.

The total donation to purchase these items comes to \$4074. We greatly appreciate the generosity and support that the anonymous donor has provided to our department.

Sincerely,

Gerard Gagnon
Department Chair
Science, Tech, and Engineering
Newton South High School