

Congratulations to the Foundation's Spring 2020 Walter P. Rawl School Garden Mini-Grant Award Winners!

January 21, 2020: The Lexington One Educational Foundation biannually presents the Walter P. Rawl & Sons School Garden Mini-Grant Awards thanks to the company's generous support. This Foundation fund provides money for our Lexington District One schools to create or maintain gardens. The grants range from \$250 to sustain a current school garden and up to \$500 to build a new school garden. The grant purpose is to provide Lexington School District One's schools an opportunity to enhance students' knowledge of diet and nutrition by providing financial assistance toward a school garden or other live plant project.

We extend congratulations to the following schools and project leaders that were chosen as the Spring 2020 W. P. Rawl School Garden Mini-Grant award recipients:

- Beechwood Middle School – Anne M. Peterson and Haleigh D. McCartha
- Forts Pond Elementary- Helen E. Siceloff
- Pleasant Hill Elementary- Emalee B. Stickney
- Red Bank Elementary- Rocky C. Burns
- Saxe Gotha Elementary- Ginger M. Hackett
- White Knoll High School – Johnny Thompson



The winners were recognized at the January 21, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting for this honor. The Educational Foundation's executive director, Julie Anderson Washburn, recognized and thanked W.P. Rawl leaders for their continued kindness in supporting our students and schools through their gifts to the Educational Foundation. Board of Trustees chair Cindy Smith also reiterated this sentiment and emphasized how important the Foundation's corporate partners are in providing support to our students.

Projects funded this spring will create two new gardens, while sustaining four others, and educate 2780 students. The grant projects will create a garden with edible plants to teach students about nutrition through plants; teach special education students how to build garden boxes and create and maintain a garden; upgrade a vegetable and butterfly garden to teach students about pollination and plant life cycles, as well as ecosystems; teach students about healthy eating choices by growing and then preparing vegetables from the garden; and much more. Our many thanks to WP Rawl for making all of these amazing garden project possible through their generous support of the Lexington One Educational Foundation!