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PRESS RELEASE
Rodney Glassman, Ward 2 Councilman
ESTABLISHES GRANT FUND
FOR TUSD TEACHERS

For Immediate Release (October 8, 2008). Rodney Glassman, Ward 2 City Councilman has established a new Mini Grant fund to foster creative projects among teachers in Tucson Unified School District's Ward 2 schools.

This new fund, totaling \$6,000 will subsidize new teaching projects in TUSD's Ward 2 schools. The moneys have been given to the Educational Enrichment Foundation, TUSD's supporting foundation. They will be disbursed in March of 2009. Mini Grants are a means of encouraging TUSD teachers to develop projects that explore concepts and ideas beyond the normal classroom curriculum.

Last year, the Educational enrichment Foundation awarded 42 Mini Grants to TUSD teachers totaling \$33,000. The new \$6,000 fund will support 20 new projects all in Ward 2 eastside schools.

"One of the keys to a great city is having a great school system. I am extremely pleased to help enhance teaching opportunities in Tucson by collaborating with the Educational Enrichment Foundation to support our teachers in the local public school system," said Rodney Glassman, Ward 2 Councilman.

Robert Padilla, Executive Director of the Educational Enrichment Foundation stated, "We are extremely grateful to Ward 2 and to Councilman Glassman for this very generous gift. With this new infusion of funds, the number of Mini Grants will grow from 42 to 62 in a single year. This is a substantial enhancement to a very important program—one that enables us to reach the teachers of TUSD and reward creativity in the classroom."

Elementary schools that will be eligible include Bloom Elementary, Booth-Fickett, Davidson, Gale, Henry, Hudlow, Schumaker, Soleng Tom, Steele, Van Horne, Whitmore, and Wrightstown. Other eligible schools include Gridley and Magee Middle Schools and Sahauro High School. Applications can be found online at www.tusd1.k12.az.us/eef. Completed applications are due January 15, 2009.
