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To: 'gstern@pefisrael.org'
Subject: The Fund For Innovative Teaching

Dear Geoffrey,

Israel is facing difficult times and it is heartwarming to see all the initiatives people and organizations have been doing to help the moral and wellbeing of the citizens in the South.

We at the found for Innovative Teaching have decided months ago to put our emphasis on schools in the south for this coming school year, based on their situation prior to this summer. We are happy that many teachers from the south submitted a proposal for a project and many of the projects are worthy and exciting. We accepted 7 innovations located around Gaza (out of 40 from the rest of the country) to start working with us this coming year.

Due to the current situation, we want to consider helping out more teachers, schools and students from the Gaza region. These projects will be beyond our regular activities and therefore we need to raise money in order to fund them.

An example of a program we want to sponsor is in a junior high school in Shderot. The Science teacher is young man who feels the children need more hands-on activities in science. He created a program that each science unit is studied in a class room for three weeks (he also created handout papers that can be done at home in case of an emergency situation), during the fourth week the children will create a model or an experiment that summarizes the theoretical material and allows each child to experience science . It goes unsaid that these students have had a disturbing schooling experience over the past few years and that it effected their achievements and well as their motivation and confidence. This program has taken all this into consideration and will hopefully allow the children to gain knowledge and inspiration for science at once, not to mention the positive impact it will have on the teacher who is able to implement his visionary program.

Sponsoring a teacher's initiative is estimated at \$6000 for a year's activity. We approached the Ministry of Education and hope they can match out funding one to one, as they have in the past. I am writing to you to see if you can help us either financially or by referring us to someone who may be interested in supporting these programs.

Warm regards,

Yosefa Dar.