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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Fast-paced... high-priced... super-competitive...that's life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global job market. Preparing our students for what's ahead has never been more challenging, or more rewarding. To help them explore, investigate and thrive, our foundation is dedicated to funding formative **learning experiences that otherwise would not be available** to them. We want to create "defining moment" opportunities for students to discover themselves and envision their futures with passion. Many such activities are beyond the reach of the school budget, which is why your donation is so important.

This past April, GREF hosted a new activity. Our **Career Education panel** provided GRHS students with an insider's look into careers in Engineering. Eight community members with strong backgrounds in the field volunteered their morning to advise on everything from calculus and college prep, to job experiences and starting salaries. We will continue in 2015 with panels on the Media & Communications and Health Care industries.

We look at the needs of the entire school district. Thanks to your enthusiastic support, we funded "listening stations" to help 1<sup>st</sup> graders achieve **higher levels of literacy sooner**. Your donation this year will help expand this new program (piloted at Byrd) into more Glen Rock elementary schools in 2015.

We're excited about supporting a **new program in broadcast media** proposed by Glen Rock's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paula Valenti. A current instructor on staff will teach GRHS students how to use state-of-the-art cameras, lighting and editing equipment, and how to broadcast from a new TV studio as well as on location. Equipment costs for the program are in the \$56,000 range. Your generous donation will make this happen in the 2015-16 school year.

With your help, our children will be better prepared to customize, cultivate and embrace their futures. My best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Robert R. Burslem  
President, Glen Rock Education Foundation

P.S. Remember, **every student deserves an "aha" moment**. Your tax-deductible donation bridges the gap between what the school budget can pay for, and unlocking new opportunities to benefit Glen Rock's public school students.