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Volunteer educational group enriches students' experience

I would like to call attention to the work of the Middletown Educational Collaborative (MEC), a group of Middletown parents who put a lot of hard work and effort into fundraising activities, in order to support educational opportunities for Middletown students. This year, for the second year in a row, the eighth-grade students at Gaudet Middle School will be taking a field trip to the Boston Museum of Science. This is an extremely valuable educational experience that allows students to be exposed to and explore various scientific concepts on a hands-on, interactive way that is quite meaningful for them.

It might be that some of our students have never set foot in a museum before. Both of these museum visits were made possible through generous grants provided to

the eighth grade by MEC, so that only a small amount of student financial contribution was needed. Many other grants are awarded each year to support education in a variety of ways, across many grade levels.

The members of the Middletown Educational Collaborative deserve a lot of praise for their hard work and initiative, for without that, our students wouldn't have the opportunities that they do. They care so much about our students that they're willing to engage in the work and the effort needed to be able to enrich their lives. We are fortunate to have them as a force in the community.

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