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## **FUTURE MSAD 3 receives \$3,500 from Oak Grove School Foundation**

UNITY – FUTURE MSAD 3 has received a \$3,500 grant from the Oak Grove School Foundation for the Mount View Performing Arts Center capital campaign. The Oak Grove School Foundation had previously support the campaign with a \$2,000 grant in 2004.

According to Steve Bennett, Chair of the Board of Directors of FUTURE MSAD 3, "The Oak Grove School Foundation has always demonstrated a commitment to youth and education. Their commitment to the campaign will benefit thousands of young people in MSAD 3 and we're honored to call them our partner in this significant project," Bennett added.

With this recent grant, FUTURE MSAD 3 has just \$38,000 left to raise to meet the Unity Foundation challenge grant and the overall campaign goal of \$575,000.

The capital campaign was launched on May 31, 2006 at Mount View High School with the announcement of a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Unity Foundation in honor of their founders, Bert G. and Coral B. Clifford.

Construction on the new school began in March 2007. The new Mount View School complex will serve approximately 1,068 students in Pre-K through grade 12. When constructed as part of the new school complex, the 300-seat performing arts center located adjacent to the high school lobby will provide a high-caliber performance space for all of the district's students, and will enhance the development of student theatre programs in the elementary, middle, and high school. The school is projected to open in the fall of 2009.

UNITEL President and COO Laurie Osgood and former MSAD 3 Superintendent Rod McElroy serve as Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs. Osgood graduated from Mount View in 1980. McElroy was the high school guidance counselor at Mount View when the school opened in 1963, and went on to serve SAD 3 for 23 years as principal and then superintendent. Osgood and McElroy have been instrumental in the campaign's fundraising success.