## R4EF, Inc. P.O. Box 187 Deep River, CT. 06417

Dear Friends of VRHS and JWMS,

It's the season in Region 4 when more than just sports and musicals kick off. It's also that time of the year when our R4EF friends get the opportunity to support our VRHS and JWMS students through the Region 4 Education Foundation. Through past generosity, we have been able to enhance the quality of education at Valley Regional High School and John Winthrop Middle School, by providing program tools and projects, which school administrators are not able to include in the school's annual operating budgets.

Last year our amazing schools benefited from donations to create a Trauma Informed Space, under the leadership of the counseling program, to help our students with sensitive issues. We were able to purchase much needed additions to the Morning News program equipment and sent students to get a scientific upgrade at the Pasco Scientific opportunity. Through the kind donation of a graduate of Valley, we purchase a PCR Thermocycler, which can analyze DNA. Valley is just one of a handful of schools in the state that has this technology.

This year, the Regional 4 Education Foundation is also excited for our Third Annual R4EF Jingle Bell Run 2019 in Deep River, CT taking place on Saturday December 14th. The 5k Run will be officially timed and monitored with many categories for all ages. More information can be found on our official Facebook page and registration can be done online at www.runsignup.com.

As a 501(c)(3) non- profit corporation, any donation to R4EF is tax-deductible. Your contribution may be made by check, cash, matching corporate contributions, stocks, or through estate planning. Your generosity towards this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated for years to come.

Sincerely Yours,

Rick Stebbins President, Region 4 Education Foundation, Inc.