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Parents of Home-Based Education students:

The Northwest School Division recognizes the right of parents to register their children in a home-based education program with the school division. The Division also recognizes that the costs of a home-based education program is borne by parents who choose this form of education for their children. Some funding will now be provided by the Division in an effort to defray some of those costs and provide support to home schooling families.

The Division will provide a funding grant up to \$1000.00 to each home-based student that is registered with the Northwest School Division by August 15th and continues their home-based education through to June 30th of each school year. This funding will be payable to the parents/guardians following the receipt of an approved Education Plan in September of each school year and an Annual evaluation Report on or before June 30th of each school year. The funding is for incurred educational supplies only. Items such as mileage and meals will not be allowed.

Home-based educators wishing to receive the provided funding must comply with the following Division requirements:

- 1) A Northwest School Division Home-Based Registration Form must be completed and submitted to the school division.
- 2) An Education Plan must be completed following the guidelines in the Registration Package. The plan must be submitted to the superintendent with the home-schooling portfolio by the date identified in the Registration Package. Arrangements for extensions must be made with, and are subject to the discretion of, the superintendent.
- 3) An Education Progress Report following the division's stated requirements must be submitted to the Superintendent on or before the date identified by the school division. Arrangements for extensions must be made with, and are subject to the discretion of, the superintendent.
- 4) Up to one thousand dollars (\$1000) per school year will be granted to home-based educators for each student in grades 1 to 12 who are in compliance with the requirements cited above. Kindergarten students are eligible to receive a grant of up to five hundred dollars (\$500).

For further requirements and guidelines regarding home schooling refer to AP270 which may be found on the division website.

If you have any questions regarding the above protocol or any home schooling questions please contact the Turtleford Office.

Sincerely,

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