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Pictured are participants in a two day workshop held this summer on 21st century learning. Administrators and teachers are working together to build capacity to understand the needs of 21st century students. They also explored practical strategies for teaching these skills to our students.

2011-2012 Funding Approved for Mountain Brook Schools

The Program and Needs Committee of the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation met in April to consider a request for funding from the Mountain Brook Schools. The total amount of the request was \$472,000. All of the items on the list were discussed by the committee and given careful consideration. Since the foundation is restricted each year in the amount that can be disbursed in order to protect the endowment's principal, the committee was limited to a total of \$362,192 to allocate to the schools. Because of the limitation on the funding, the committee had to make tough choices. The decisions were based on need, greatest impact on the most students, and potential for the enhancement of learning.

The following allocation was recommended to and approved by the Board of Directors:

2011-2012 Funding Approved

Library Enhancement

Books, Magazines, Software & Supplies	\$ 12,000
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Professional Learning:

Two Math Coaches	\$120,000
Summer Professional Learning	\$ 80,000

Technology

Year 2 Pilot of Promethean Interactive White Boards in K-1	\$ 20,000
Laptop Replacements	\$130,192

TOTAL:	\$362,192
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Congratulations to Phillip Holley

– Margaret Spencer Ragland Award Winner

In addition to making decisions regarding funding to the schools, the Program and Needs Committee also makes a recommendation for the winner of the Margaret Spencer Ragland Award each year. This award goes to a staff member in recognition of meritorious or superior contributions above and beyond the call of duty to benefit the life of the students. The school system has a process in place for determining annual service awards. That process determines a nominee whose name is submitted to the Program and Needs Committee for approval. The award has become one of the most prestigious awards given in the school system. This year's winner is Phillip Holley who is a science teacher at Mountain Brook Junior High. Mr. Holley has a long record of outstanding performance and is a National Board Certified Teacher, recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and a finalist for NASA's Educator Astronaut Program.

You Can Make a Difference

The impact of ongoing pro-ration and the reduction in property tax revenue associated with lower real estate values have put financial pressure on the schools.

Each Mountain Brook resident has the opportunity to help the situation by contributing to the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation.

Your investment in our schools will **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Please contribute TODAY.

Three easy ways to help:

1. Fill out and mail the enclosed pledge card.
2. Download a pledge card:
www.mtnbrookschoolsfoundation.com
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