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### **Hononegah Board of Education Recognizes Teachers For Earning the Excellence in Education Grants**

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF) awards nearly \$36,500 in grant money to several public school educators (Pre-K through 12) statewide. IRTAF is affiliated with the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, a lobbying group for retired educators, with a current membership of over 38,000. On October 10, 2018, Melissa Angeles was awarded her IRTAF grant check. Below, you will find a summarized paragraph of the project.

#### **Melissa Angeles, Hononegah Community High School, Rockton (\$420.00) Area 1**

The objective is to ensure that each chemistry student at Hononegah High School will be able to have a greater understanding about the properties of acids and bases through titrations. The students will benefit from the magnetic hot plates because more students will be able to do titrations. Specifically, students will be engaged in thinking like a scientist by using scientific equipment in an inquiry lab to determine the concentration of an unknown acid. All labs will take place in the chemistry classrooms at Hononegah High School to ensure proper technique of lab equipment and safety precautions.

The IRTA Foundation designed this program based on the idea that educators often do not have additional revenue sources available for unique student projects or classroom materials. This program allotted a total of \$36,500 to Illinois public school educators for these purposes.

Applicants were required to meet the proper criteria and to submit their proposals by early June. The IRTAF Board of Directors selected the grant recipients and awards are being presented now. The Illinois Principals Association played a vital role in assisting IRTAF with the promotion of this program.



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#### **About Hononegah Community High School District**

Hononegah is a public school district in Rockton, Illinois, located between Rockford and the southern border of Wisconsin. The District serves over 2,100 students from the towns of Rockton, Roscoe, Shirland, and parts of South Beloit. The District provides an inspiring and challenging educational experience that promotes reflective critical thinking, civic engagement, and personal development.