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Dear Providence School Board Members,

I have been asked to assume a leadership role regarding the Edward Hickling Bradford Scholarship. This is a needs based scholarship which may not be awarded to any student more than twice. Highlights of the description note this scholarship is for students that have demonstrated punctuality, cooperation with teachers, work outside of school hours, and exhibit regularity of attendance at school exercises.

The trust remained dormant for about 10 years until discovered by Mayor Jorge Elorza's administration in 2017 when the administration worked with the PPSD to create an annual scholarship fund. In 2017 90 scholarships were awarded, 98 in 2018, 112 in 2019, and 85 in 2020.

This year we were fortunate to receive funding for 112 awards at \$750 for a total of \$84,000. Qualifying applications were received from 10 high schools which are 360 (5 awards), Alvarez (20 awards), Central (15 awards) Classical (15 awards), E-Cubed (9 awards), Hope (4 awards) JSEC (12 awards) Mount Pleasant (29 awards) PCTA (2 awards) and Times 2 (1 award)

In closing, I would like to share that I was moved by the kindness and compassion of these students as articulated in their essays on this topic and their commitment to academics as noted in their references.

I am appreciative of any recognition these students may receive in support their pursuit of higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Orleck".

Ralph Orleck
Substitute Administrator for Roxanne Archibald
Director of Student Affairs

cc: M. Comella, G. Silvia, D. BentonJohnson