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2006 – 2007 Grant Project Report

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Roger Zilliox, TRC Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Zilliox,

Thank you for granting me the funding for our "In the News" project for this past school year. It has been a wonderful project which our new multimedia computer system has allowed us to accomplish. We spent \$2,395.00 on the computer system. The remainder of the funds were spent on firewire cables, blank CD and DVDs and mini cassettes for our camcorder.

The results of our news page can be seen at:

<http://www.oneontacsd.org/rs/RSNews/RSNewsHome1.html>

The students have particularly benefited from this project as they have experienced using the digital cameras and camcorders to record information. Many have learned to use the Movie Maker program. They have seen how a web page is built and have contributed written articles and video clips to be published for the world to see.

The problems we encountered during this project mostly relate to having enough time in the school day to spend on this type of activity. We have modified our goal to some extent, by limiting the number of news articles we have published. We tried to broaden the experience by including as many students as possible. As more students become familiar with the process, we hope that there will be more student initiative with less adult supervision. Some students will be able to assist others.

Mary Stalder and I presented our project at the recent **Telecomm 5 Conference**. We have created a PowerPoint presentation about the process of setting up our page and the steps involved. The response at the conference was very good and I hope others will attempt a similar project.

I'm excited about continuing our "In the News" project next year, as are the students. They have seen what can be done and want to contribute to our page. Having an authentic audience gives added importance to their work. If any additional information is required, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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