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## RTSD Classrooms for the Future Enriched by REF

*Radnor Educational Foundation to give more than \$10,000 for technology*

It's a perfect partnership: in these days of shrinking budgets and belt-tightening, the Radnor Educational Foundation is supporting technology at Radnor Township School District through business and community participation.

REF's fundraising campaign for the 2008-2009 school year is to support interactive technology needs.

Over a couple of years, Radnor received two Pennsylvania Department of Education Classrooms for the Future grants, totaling nearly half a million dollars, to create 21<sup>st</sup>-century classrooms in social studies and English at the high school.

While it's more money than the average Joe spends on his home computer, these funds fall short of the amount needed to equip the 18 classrooms with Promethean Electronic whiteboards, teacher and student laptops and LCD projectors at Radnor High School.

The approved REF grant is for \$10,780 which will resolve the shortfall.

Why is technology in the schools so important? In a Microsoft/Intelliquest poll, 89 percent of parents believe computer skills are important to educational success. Computer skills are important to getting good grades in school and may help students earn higher salaries in future jobs. Technology also helps each child learn at his or her own pace and helps develop a student's creativity.

To support RTSD's initiatives, REF is launching a fundraising campaign specifically for interactive technology in Radnor schools this year. The 2008-2009 REF brochure is due out to the Radnor community before the holidays. Last year, REF gave more than \$ 51,000 in grants. REF is eligible to receive funding from corporations through the PA Education Improvement Tax Credit Program and is No. 10778 in the United Way campaign.

For more information about REF and the EITC program, visit [radnoreducationalfoundation.org](http://radnoreducationalfoundation.org).



Some of the students who benefit from the RTSD Classrooms for the Future seated, left to right): senior Mishel Stearns, freshmen Colleen McGee and Christy Von Pusch and junior Sasha Stearns. Standing: technology director Joan Cusano, REF executive director Joy Antonoplos, RHS social studies teacher Todd Miller, juniors Rachel Bloom and Amy Singh, REF president Sarah Geary and senior Prachetas Prabhu.