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QWEST FOUNDATION TO AWARD \$100,000 TO MINNESOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN QWEST TEACHERS & TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM

Program Recognizes and Supports Public School Teachers Who Find Innovative Ways to Apply Technology to Improve Student Achievement

MINNEAPOLIS, September 24 – The Qwest Foundation and the Minnesota Business Partnership Education Foundation announced today that they will again award \$100,000 to Minnesota public school teachers through the Qwest Teachers and Technology Grant Program.

Application information is available at www.mnbp.com. Applications are being accepted through Nov. 30. All grants will be presented in April and May of 2010.

“For the past 3 years, Qwest has been proud to fund the efforts of Minnesota teachers who are using technology to enrich lessons in math, science and technology,” said John Stanoch, Qwest Minnesota President. “We look forward to seeing how this year’s grant applicants plan to bring new learning opportunities to schools across our state.”

Entering its fourth year, the Qwest Teachers and Technology Grant Program has presented nearly \$250,000 in grants to 38 Minnesota educators with creative and innovative plans for using technology as tools to help students learn.

“Technology is transforming every aspect of our lives,” said Charlie Weaver, executive director of the Minnesota Business Partnership. “Through this program, Qwest is helping educators use technology to transform our schools.”

“Qwest’s Teacher and Technology Grant Program highlights their commitment to working with Minnesota educators to strengthen education and prepare our students for the future,” said Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren. “I want to thank Qwest for their generosity and encourage educators to take advantage of this opportunity.”

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About the Qwest Foundation

The Qwest Foundation’s core principle is that investing in education provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre-K through grade 12 education.

About Minnesota Business Partnership Education Foundation

The Minnesota Business Partnership is composed of more than 110 chief executives of Minnesota’s largest employers. Together, MBP members employ approximately 1.9 million people worldwide, including 400,000 in Minnesota. Individually, MBP members contribute millions of dollars each year to Minnesota schools and education-related nonprofit organizations. In addition, members support a number of programs through the Minnesota Business Partnership Education Foundation.