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M-G school board earmarks donations

District plans to use the gift to upgrade website

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Madison-Grant United School Corporation Superintendent John Trout told the school board Monday night the district planned to use the \$20,000 donation from Central Indiana Ethanol to upgrade its website.

Trout said the website has a far-reaching impact in the community and serves as a key communications tool for teachers and administrators in serving the needs of students and the community.

Trout said teachers already post grades securely online for parents to view daily, but that an upgrade would allow increased accessibility. Teachers will also have more tools for homework and parents will have increased resources through the improved site.

"This year, we had the largest number of families we've ever had sign up for texting of delays and closings," Trout said. "By upgrading our site, we can handle even more in the future."

Central Indiana Ethanol President and CEO Gary Drook presented \$20,000 checks to seven area superintendents, including Trout, and their districts as a gesture of goodwill and to give back to the community.

The donor's only stipulation was the money be used to better the educational experience in the district and not use it for the operational budget.

The school also accepted \$1,000 in donations from Round Robins CB Club, Marion — \$500 each for the high school library and baseball team.

The board approved hiring Indiana's Finest Driver Education Academy, Anderson, for its summer high school driver education classes.

"Having a driver's ed. class is a tremendous expense," Trout said. "You have the cost of teachers, insurance and the vehicles. It's just not cost-effective to do it ourselves, so we hired an outside company."

The owners and instructors of the company also work as Indiana State Troopers or are former educators.

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