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### **NEF Welcomes Three New Members to 2011 Board of Directors**

NEWBURYPORT--The Newburyport Education Foundation (NEF) welcomes three new members to its 2011 Board of Directors. Sherri Gray, Eric Pflaum, and Martha Trail will work with this non-profit fundraising organization to generate financial resources to enhance the quality of public education in the Newburyport Public Schools. Since it was founded, the NEF has donated more than \$1.2 million to the Newburyport Public Schools. Each new member brings a strong background and commitment to education.

**Sherri Gray** is the technology integrator for Nock Middle School and Molin Elementary School. She also co-teaches an interdisciplinary program every summer in language arts, theater, and film at Phillips Academy in Andover. She is a Danvers resident and formally active member of the theater board for the middle and high school for her childrens' schools.

**Eric Pflaum** is a Newburyport resident and parent of two young children in Newburyport Public Schools. He is also a product manager at Standish, a leading investment management firm. Eric and his wife, Sarah, were instrumental in a successful NEF fundraiser held in the fall.

**Martha Trail** is a former elementary school teacher, a Newburyport resident and the parent of two children in Newburyport Public Schools. She is currently on the School Council for Bresnahan Elementary School. Trail was co-chair of a successful NEF technology fundraising event in the fall and is currently on the NEF Teacher Tribute Committee and the NEF Texas Hold'Em Fundraiser committee.

**For more information about the Newburyport Education Foundation and the Board of Directors, call 978-463-7893, or email [info@NewburyportEF.org](mailto:info@NewburyportEF.org), or visit [www.NewburyportEF.org](http://www.NewburyportEF.org).**

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**About the Newburyport Education Foundation (NEF)** The Mission of the Newburyport Education Foundation is to bring philanthropy into the Newburyport Public Schools and generate financial resources that will enhance the quality of public education throughout the school system. Formed to enhance educational opportunities for the city's public school children, the goal of the Newburyport Education Foundation is to supplement funding for programs which are already supported by public financing at a basic level, but which can be substantially improved by additional private sector financing, and to finance programs that might not receive funding from traditional sources such as the district budget or state aid.