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Local Educator Receives Grant From International Education Association

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Laura Thomas, director of the Antioch Center for School Renewal in Keene, N.H., has received a $1,500 PDK Project Grant from PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

Thomas will use the funds to support a three-session training cycle focused on the development of a new cadre of Master Teachers. Participants will become proficient in the use of facilitative structures for professional learning, including the Critical Skill Program, Critical Friends Groups, classroom facilitation, and using technology as a tool for one-to-one support of educators.

"This project will help emerging teacher leaders gain and refine their skills as Master Teachers so that they can serve their own schools and districts as well as the larger educational community," Thomas said.

Each year, PDK International awards grants to members, PDK chapters, and groups of members and chapters to fund projects that provide short-term supplemental financial support to projects that improve the field of education and further the association's three tenets of leadership, research, and service.

"We are delighted to support such visionary educational initiatives through the PDK Project Grants program," said PDK Executive Director William J. Bushaw. "Funding these inspiring projects allows us to help our members continually improve the field of education."

To learn more about the PDK Project Grant program, visit www.pdkintl.org/awards/regional.htm.

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About PDK International
Founded in 1906, PDK International is a global association for professional educators. The organization's mission is to support education, particularly public education, as the cornerstone of democracy. More information is online at www.pdkintl.org.