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Area schools to receive more than $33,900 from Consolidated's Earning for Learning program

MATTOON— Consolidated Communications will be donating more than $33,900 to local school districts and education organizations through its Earning for Learning (EFL) program in the next few weeks. The disbursements represent the company's first quarter EFL contribution for 2007.

Consolidated's EFL program returns 2.5 percent of long distance revenues and 2.5 percent of Internet service revenues quarterly to local school districts and education foundations.

Local districts and education associations that will receive checks include: Arcola Community Unit #306, $837; Arthur EFL, $773; Atwood-Hammond, $526; Charleston Excellence in Education Foundation, $4,335; Mattoon Foundation for Academic Excellence, $4,611; Mattoon St. Mary's School, $102; Oakland Community Unit # 5, $681, and Windsor Community Unit #1, $811. In all, 36 districts will receive $33,944 from the EFL program for the first quarter of the year.

Chris Niebrugge, product manager, said Consolidated has given more than $2.7 million to area schools for education since the program began in 1993. "Consolidated Communications is proud to support the education of local students through our Earning For Learning program," Niebrugge said. "EFL funds are typically used to purchase software, electronics and books or to fund special projects."

Customers who have Consolidated Long Distance or subscribe to Consolidated's Internet service are automatically enrolled in the program with contributions returned to their respective school districts.

If you have questions about the program, please contact the Consolidated Communications Residential Customer Care Center at 800-553-9981.

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