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*Educating All Students to Reach Their Potential*

## *EFC reaches out to Madison Consolidated Schools*

**Madison, Indiana**

The EFC provided technical assistance to Madison Consolidated Schools in its process of planning for needed repairs and renovations of school facilities. EFC analyzed data the district had collected via a community survey on school facilities. Dr. Victor Hellman, EFC Research Project Director, presented the findings to the local school board on January 14th. [View Article in Madison Courier](#)

## Bricks and Mortar: Old or New Schools-Which are the Safest?

**Dr. Linda Lemasters, January 23, 2015**

New car, old car? An antique Mustang or a brand new Camaro? Which is the safest? My husband and I had a '67 Mustang; it was a great little car. Most of us would admit, however, that the new Camaro-with the latest in airbags, backup cameras, anti-lock brakes and stabilization, blind spot alerts, and many more bells and whistles-is the safest. The same can be said of new school buildings. Newer schools are perceived to be the safest. Nearly all newer schools have systems that assist in controlling access to the building and grounds during school hours, have the most up-to-date camera systems to monitor inside and out of the facility, have the latest HVAC systems that control indoor air quality, have no contaminants in the building materials, have the latest in fire



and smoke safety, have the latest in technology for alert systems, are totally handicap accessible, and have "Columbine" locks that permit teachers to secure their rooms from inside the classroom. We could go on and on. [View Blog](#)

## *Apply for QZAB Funds for School Improvement Projects*

### **National Education Foundation, QZAB Funds**

Eligible schools (those with a free or reduced lunch population of 35% or more) can apply for funds to be used for renovations, technology, equipment, and energy savings. The process is simple.

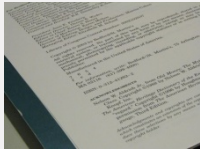
In addition, the National Education Foundation will donate 10% to 50% of the requested amount in high-quality educational software.

For more information contact Dr. Art Stellar, Vice President of the Foundation, at 828-764-1785 or [artstellar@nefuniversity.org](mailto:artstellar@nefuniversity.org).



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