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To the members of the Harvard School Trust,

This letter is to express my joy and thanks for your approval of my recent grant proposal for a Smartboard system for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classroom at The Bromfield School. With the recent additions of a school supported grading program linked with a school supported website, Edline.net, that gives each teacher, student and parent a personalized page, Harvard has made a great advance in infrastructure that will support communication and therefore learning. Now, with The Trust's nurturing of requests for Smartboard, Mimio, and other related systems for teachers who are ready to embrace these tools to improve the learning experience, Harvard is making another great advance.

The Smartboard and its kin offer many possibilities to improve the learning experience. The board can be used to record and playback the stepwise construction of class notes, diagrams, problems, etc. These notes can be uploaded to teachers' pages on Edline for all students to access as needed. The system can be used to engage students with applets, interactive online programs, providing a more rich experience with the curriculum leading to deeper understanding of the concepts. The system can be used to show videos on a much larger screen, which is much easier to see from all parts of the room than a television. Also, since Smartboards have been in production and in use for so long, the technology has been seasoned, and users have created many applications available online.

It is so very gratifying to know that others in the community understand, share in, and are willing to financially support a vision for a more effective learning environment. By doing so you are giving the gift of possibility for growth for the teachers and students. When I have the system up and running, I will let you know so you can come see it in use. Again, thank you for approving my grant proposal.

Sincerely,  
Joshua Clarke