



*Engage, Educate & Empower Today's Students*

January 24, 2022

Mt. Vernon CSC School Board:

In December 2021, Mr. Ron Patterson, Post Commander of The Fortville American Legion Post 391, reached out to the Mt. Vernon Early Learning Academy Mini-Marader Preschool. Mr. Patterson offered the preschool \$1600 to assist families in need. Because Children and Youth is one of the four pillars upon which The American Legion was founded, Mr. Patterson was immediately receptive to providing scholarships for two families needing tuition assistance.

We request that the School Board accept the donation for these students to cover preschool tuition. One check was issued to Camden Ralston in the amount of \$810. The other check was issued to Leia Caruthers in the amount of \$780. Both families had sought assistance from the state but had been denied. Mr. Patterson issued the checks in the students' names but presented them to the preschool to be used to cover fall 2021 tuition.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Heather Johnson  
Preschool Coordinator  
Mt. Vernon Early Learning Academy Mini-Marauder Preschool