

**AQUA-SCIENCE SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY
RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

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RE: Report #1 (due October 1)
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Regarding Riverview's development of the aquaculture small learning community, Riverview has primarily been involved in activities associated with the recruiting of students and in conjunction with that recruiting effort, the establishment of beginning, intermediate, and advanced aquaculture career technical education courses. There are currently 139 students enrolled in Agriscience Foundations I, Aquaculture II, and Aquaculture III with a tremendous potential for growth, so much so that Riverview must consider the hiring of second aquaculture teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. It is important to note that there is a "Team" involved in this development. The marine science and environmental teachers, also involved in the development, are integrating their programs into the aquaculture program thereby impacting hundreds more students. This "team" is currently developing a five-year plan and is discussing purchases based on that plan. Understanding that our grant project must be completed by June 15, 2009, it is the team's intent to not only complete the project by then but also to ensure a continued impact for the following four years.

An added unique advantage is the fact that the aquaculture students have been broken up into seven "advisory" classes (See attached). These classes, hosted by teachers participating in the aquaculture program, meet once each week to provide academic, career/vocational, social, and personal support systems to these students.

Regarding current activities, a primary goal is to begin the process of "learning how to grow food fish (tilapia)." Therefore, our first two expenditures we are seeking reimbursement for involve the purchase of paint from Home Depot in the amount of \$508.13. These supplies were used to paint 20 vaults. We would like to note that the paint itself was donated! In addition, food being essential, an additional \$657.99 was disbursed to purchase from DeSears Home Entertainment a 25 cubic chest freezer needed for food storage. Both purchases total \$1166.12 (See attached receipts). The food itself was also donated.

In closing, we continue to be thankful to the Department/ARC and we know, that with your continued support, we will have a high school aquaculture program that will serve as a model for the state if not the nation!

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