



**Northeastern Zone serving Clinton and Essex Counties**

**March 1, 2026**

Greetings Administrators,

You are receiving this letter because one of the objectives of the Retired Educators of New York (RENY) has been to work toward the advancement of education in our state. As you may know, retired educators in regional zones across the state support retired and active educators, their families, and their communities through professional, social, political, and charitable endeavors. The local association of RENY, the Northeastern Zone (NEZ), supports the work of educators in public school districts in Clinton and Essex counties.

One specific way that RENY supports the work of active educators is through grant money. NEZ has established the Kramer Memorial Educator Award, given every other year, which will provide a \$1000 grant award to a local teacher in the Northeastern Zone. This grant honors the late Karl Kramer, a dedicated and devoted member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, which is now known as RENY.

This grant will be awarded to an educator in the Northeastern Zone this year. The grant is to be used during the 2026-2027 school year. The winner of the grant will be determined on or before June 30, 2026.

The grant is designed to assist active educators in developing and implementing an innovative program or project. To be eligible for the grant, an educator must be a full time teacher, nurse, counselor, or administrator in a public school district in the RENY Northeastern Zone region. The full grant amount must be used for a program or project to improve instruction, academic achievement, or in support of a current issue in a classroom, school, or district.

Please forward this letter and the attachments to all administrators, educators, counselors, and nurses in your district as soon as possible. And please note, the grant is open to administrators. Completed grant applications must be returned by email to the award chairs no later than May 16, 2026.

Thank you in advance for helping RENY support our local administrators and educators especially during these challenging times.

Very sincerely,

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