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## **FUTURE MSAD 3 receives \$30,000 gift from UniTel, Inc.**

THORNDIKE – Like a stage production building toward the final act, the countdown has begun in earnest - \$55,000 to go.

Laurie Osgood, President and Chief Operating Officer of UniTel, Inc. of Unity, presented a check for \$30,000 to the Class of 2010 for the Mount View Performing Arts Center campaign at an announcement held at Mount View High School on Wednesday, May 9.

“On behalf of our employees and shareholders, we are pleased to make this donation to the class of 2010 and FUTURE MSAD 3. This donation is another display of UniTel’s long-standing commitment to education, the arts and this community. We are also proud to make this donation in honor of our friends Bert & Coral Clifford.”

Members of the Mount View freshman class, the first to graduate from the new Mount View, accepted the gift on behalf of FUTURE MSAD 3, in the presence of UniTel employees and board members. Thanks to UniTel’s generous support, FUTURE MSAD 3 has just \$55,000 left to raise to meet the Unity Foundation challenge grant and the overall campaign goal of \$575,000.

FUTURE MSAD 3 board chair Steve Bennett expressed the board’s gratitude for UniTel’s support of the campaign for the Mount View Performing Arts Center. “UniTel’s generous gift brings us in sight of meeting the Unity Foundation challenge grant, and the overall campaign goal. Everyone involved with this campaign is so very grateful to UniTel for their tremendous support and to Laurie Osgood, for her outstanding leadership. This gift is truly deserving of a *standing ovation*,” Bennett said.

The capital campaign was launched on May 31, 2006 at Mount View High School with the announcement of a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Unity Foundation in honor of their founders, Bert G. and Coral B. Clifford.

UniTel, Inc. began in 1902 as a local telephone company with seven subscribers between Unity and Dixmont, ME. One hundred years later, UniTel now serves more than 5,000 customers in all or part of eleven towns in Waldo, Penobscot and Kennebec Counties with local service and access to long Distance service, Voice Mail, Data circuits, Broadband Internet, Paging and Cellular Services.

Construction on the new school complex began in March 2007. The new Mount View School complex will serve approximately 1,068 students in Pre-K through grade 12. When constructed as part of the new school complex, the 300-seat performing arts center located adjacent to the high school lobby will provide a high-caliber performance space for all of the district's students, and will enhance the development of student theatre programs in the elementary, middle, and high school. The school is projected to open in the fall of 2009.

UNITEL President and COO Laurie Osgood and former MSAD 3 Superintendent Rod McElroy serve as Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs. Osgood graduated from Mount View in 1980. McElroy was the high school guidance counselor at Mount View when the school opened in 1963, and went on to serve SAD 3 for 23 years as principal and then superintendent. Osgood and McElroy have been instrumental in the campaign's fundraising success.

FUTURE MSAD 3 is a non-profit organization run by community volunteers. Their mission is to raise funds to enhance particular areas in the new Mount View School complex not covered by state funding. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information about FUTURE MSAD 3, the campaign for the Mount View Performing Arts Center or to contribute, call 207-948-6120, email [futuremsad3@yahoo.com](mailto:futuremsad3@yahoo.com), or visit [www.futuremsad3.org](http://www.futuremsad3.org).

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