



# Martha's Vineyard Regional High School

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Ms. Marianne Larned  
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Dear Marianne,

I'm very pleased to express our school's support of Stone Soup Leadership Institute's application for a NOAA B-WET grant for an ocean literacy video project.

Many aspects of our curriculum focus on matters concerning marine and coastal ecology, yet we lack the resources to fully support learning surrounding the ever-changing issues related to these important subjects. Our library touches all areas of the high school curriculum, and as such, the proposed video and accompanying materials will engage students, especially as the students themselves will produce these materials. We imagine this will have multiple beneficial effects for our school, from helping students imagine careers in marine sciences, to informing and reminding them of the integral role of oceans, coastal habitats, and the watershed in their day-to-day lives. This will spark ideas for interdisciplinary projects and discussion among students and faculty.

We are in the midst of transforming our school library into a Global Learning Center to support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. The proposed video project and associated public awareness campaign will fit in well with our focus on collaborative problem-solving and project-based learning. Finally, this unique educational resource will be extremely useful for professional development and teacher training.

I applaud your creativity and initiative in this grant application and look forward to working with you toward reaching this exciting goal!

Sincerely,

Kevin McGrath  
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library