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Attention: President Rogel & members of the Providence School Board

The Edward Hickling Bradford was established in 1974 to support students attending the Providence Public with higher education funding. All current and graduated Providence Public Schools students are eligible to apply for this award. The scholarship criteria prioritizes "diligence in the pursuit of education" as its criteria.

The trust was unused for about ten years until it was discovered by former Mayor Jorge Elorza's administration in 2017. Mayor Smiley's team has been equally enthusiastic about working with the PPSD team to continue awarding this important scholarship.

This year we were able to access available funding for \$66,000.00 for a total of 88 scholarships of \$750.00. Qualifying applications were received from 11 high schools which are 360 (9 awards), Alvarez (1 awards), Central (10 awards) Classical (6 awards), E-Cubed (9 awards), Hope (6 awards) JSEC (13 awards), Mount Pleasant (16 awards), PCTA (5 awards), Times 2 (12 awards) and the MET School (1 award).

All applications were reviewed by a team of PPSD Guidance Counselors that was led by our Director of Guidance, Gina Silvia. The disbursement of funds from the trust will be requested at the May meeting by the Providence Board of Investment Commissioners.

In closing, I would like to thank our district and school based guidance teams for their collective efforts to see this process through. I am also thankful for Mayor Smiley and his team for continuing to make these opportunities possible for our students.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Javier Montanez".

Javier Montanez