

**Karen P. Jones**

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**Subject:** Letter from Mike Bunn January 12, 2011

Karen,

I'll be out of town again and unable to make the meeting. I did want to ask you to pass on a bit of information to the committee, however.

We have been awarded a grant from the Fort Foundation to fund the renovation of our history gallery here at the Museum! Essentially what this means is that the original timeline we were working on, which was self-funded for the most part, has been replaced according to the terms of the grant. While we started on a renovation ourselves, we didn't get very far before encountering numerous delays that set the project back. Work is now beginning this month, and continuing section by section until September of 2012. This replaces the original schedule, which called for completion about 6 months earlier.

The "History of Local Education" section of our gallery which involves our collaboration is now to be officially installed in March of 2012. The work we are planning to do at your site can of course be completed before that, but I would think end of the year is now a target to shoot for. We had originally thought it would be the late summer/fall, but if we are to complete work as the grant calls for I doubt we could finish it that quick.

Work in preparation for both the display here and there can take place at any time before then, however, so I urge the committee to soon be thinking of what sort of collection of items and images they might be able to have in place that we could draw on when we begin to prepare for this section of the gallery later this year. Remember, we'll need objects, images, and information. We'll design our space and the installation at the school district building together so that they complement each other. A suggested target date for having all your materials ready so that we can talk about design would be the end of April.

Sincerely,

Mike