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Dear Marshall Success Fund Committee,

We would like to thank you for your fund raising efforts to purchase new text materials for 8th grade American History. The Holt textbook series, *United States History Beginnings to 1914*, is an outstanding collection of resources for both students and teachers.

The technological resources for students include online access to the textbook, assignments, and interactive lessons. The teacher resources include online assignments for students that can be modified for individual students, enrichment assignments, and online assessments. The history materials also have an outstanding collection of biographies and primary sources to help students gain a deeper understanding of American History. All of the textbook and subsequent assignments are tied to the Michigan Department of Education Grade Level Content Expectations.

The textbook materials you have purchased for 8th grade American History will allow our students to learn in depth about our past in a way that fits the 21st Century and will make learning about the past more exciting. Your investment into Marshall Public Schools is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have a community action committee so devoted to the betterment of Marshall.

Sincerely,



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8th Grade American History teachers