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## **VERC Enterprises presents \$500 grant to Fiske Elementary School in Lexington**

DUXBURY, LEXINGTON, MA, FEBRUARY 25, 2020...VERC Enterprises, a leading convenience store and Mobil/Gulf/Irving gasoline operator with locations throughout Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire and owner of Mayflower Provisions in Plymouth, Massachusetts recently presented Fiske Elementary School in Lexington with a check for \$500, a grant made possible through the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program.



Funded by the ExxonMobil Corporation and Global Partners LP, the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide local retailers an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

Gerry Ulysse, Team Leader of the VERC Lexington Mobil, presented the grant check to Fiske Elementary School Principal Brian Baker.

“We’re proud to participate in such a fine program that recognizes and supports the quality of local schools,” said Jim Fitzgerald, President of VERC Enterprises.

### ***About VERC Enterprises***

VERC Enterprises is a leading, independent chain of convenience stores and gasoline stations, with locations throughout Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The company began 46 years ago with a single car wash in Marshfield, MA. The original business was founded by Eugene Vercollone. Today, the business remains under family ownership, with Mr. Vercollone’s sons Leo and Paul serving as CEO and Senior Vice President, respectively. Longtime VERC team member Jim Fitzgerald serves as the company’s President. With more than 350 employees, VERC is a leader in hiring individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and has more than 20 % of its workforces comprised of IDD (Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled) citizens. VERC maintains ongoing partnerships with organizations including Best Buddies, ARC of Greater Plymouth and others to provide employment opportunities for IDD individuals. VERC is also working with the state’s Re-Entry program to provide employment opportunities for former inmates who have been rehabilitated. VERC Enterprises has been recognized by the Boston Business Journal as a Best Place to Work in Massachusetts and as a Leader in Diversity; the company has also been repeatedly honored by the Boston Globe as a Best Place to Work in Massachusetts. In 2017, VERC was named Employer of the Year by both the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and The ARC of Greater Plymouth. For additional information, please visit the website, [www.vercenterprises.com](http://www.vercenterprises.com), or call 781-934-7300. To learn more about VERC, please view: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/videoseries?list=PLesS4W9hjtufdf6GhvnfUKMk2l2Q-r-MM>

### **VERC Enterprises Awards and Recognitions**

- May Institute President's Award recipient (2019)
- Boston Business Journal Book of Lists, Area's Largest Family Owned Businesses, multiple years
- Exemplary Employer, Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress (2017)
- Employer of the Year, ARC (2017)
- Operator of the Year (single location), New England Convenience Store and Energy Marketers Association (2017)
- Leo Vercollone, keynote speaker (2016), Diversity in Workforce, Family Business Association
- Franciscan Leadership Award, Cardinal Cushing Centers (2015)
- Employer of the Year, MAPSE (Massachusetts Association of People Supporting Employment First), 2013
- Central Middlesex Area Department of Developmental Services recognition for work with IDD (2013)
- MetroWest Work Opportunities Coalition, Accommodation Award (2013)
- Grand Spirit Award, Convenience Store Decisions Magazine, for social media
- Grand Spirit Award, Convenience Store News,
- Distinguished Citizen Award, ARC (2010)

**PHOTO:** Gerry Ulyse, Team Leader of the VERC Lexington Mobil presents a grant check to Fiske Elementary School Principal Brian Baker. The grant was made possible through the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program.

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