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Marathon Petroleum, Illinois Refining Division Earns First Regional Superintendent's CLASS Award

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Monte Newlin is pleased to announce that the Illinois Refining Division of Marathon Petroleum Corporation is the first recipient of the Regional Superintendent's CLASS Awards Program. CLASS (Community Leaders Assisting School Success) spotlights local business and community entities that have made a significant, positive contribution to the quality of education for the students of Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland Counties. "The footprint made on students' learning by the many contributions of Marathon, has been wide and deep," said Newlin. Over the past five years, Marathon has donated over \$53,000 to local schools. Of that amount, over \$44,000 has gone

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to the public schools of the five counties served by ROE #12. Locally, close to \$7,000 has gone to Lawrence County schools. From technology improvements, to curriculum support, Marathon donations have made a real and lasting impact on student achievement. Red Hill Superintendent Deana Brashear agreed. “Marathon has contributed to our Accelerated Reader program...and to our math and science departments...for needed supplies such as calculators and lab equipment.” Marathon Petroleum’s Illinois Refining Division consists of the Robinson Refinery, which was built in 1906 by the Lincoln Oil Company, and purchased by The Ohio Oil Company, Marathon’s predecessor, in 1924. Marathon has an impressive record of safety and environmental stewardship, and community involvement both locally, and nationwide.

To nominate a local business or community group for a CLASS Award, contact Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin at mnewlin@roe12.org.

Pictured are (L-R) Marathon Human Resources Manager Kim Gould, Illinois Refining Division Manager Kevin Bogard, Regional Superintendent of Schools Monte Newlin