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(Media who wish to attend this event should be at the school at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9. World of Inquiry School is temporarily located at the old Franklin School, 950 Norton St. in Rochester).

**Landmark Society Partners with Rochester Education Foundation
To Donate 200 Books about New York History to World of Inquiry School No. 58**

(Jan 7, 2013) Elementary school students at World of Inquiry School No. 58 will see New York history come to life in the pages of 200 lavishly illustrated books, a gift of The Landmark Society of Western New York in partnership with the Rochester Education Foundation.

One hundred copies of each book, Historic New York and Erie Canal Legacy, both written by local author Robert O. Reisem with photography by Andy Olenick, will be presented to the school at the school's morning briefing on Wednesday, January 9. Olenick will speak to students at the presentation.

"The Landmark Society is delighted to be able to share these spectacular books with Rochester City School students," said Carolyn Bick, Director of Finance. "The photos and text help students better understand the importance of the Erie Canal as well as four centuries of landmark architecture in the Empire State."

The Landmark Society arranged this donation through the Rochester Education Foundation which has donated more than 30,000 new books to city students and to city school libraries since 2006. "REF is excited to help play a role in matching generous donations like this one from the Landmark

Society with city school district schools. We plan to work with the Landmark Society to give more of these wonderful books to other schools as well.” said Jane Lange, Assistant Director, Rochester Education Foundation. Other city schools interested in obtaining copies of the books should contact Ms. Lange at 271-5790, or info@rochestereducation.org

“We are very appreciative of this generous donation,” said Sheelarani P. Webster, Principal World of Inquiry School 58. “Our students’ first look at the Erie Canal and New York history begins in the early grades. The books will certainly enhance their learning experiences and reinforce their enjoyment of reading.”

About The Landmark Society: *In its 75th year, The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit www.landmarksociety.org. The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.*

About The Rochester Education Foundation: *REF is an independent organization whose mission is to provide programs and resources to improve learning and success for all Rochester city public school students through partnerships with educators, businesses and the community. For more information, visit www.rochestereducation.org*

About The Rochester City School District: *The RCSD has a rich history of excellence in urban education with schools that provide a quality education for approximately 30,000 students in pre-K through grade 12. Rochester offers opportunities for students to enroll in world-class programs with world-class teachers and staff in supportive communities of learning. Ongoing academic success is the result of hardworking students, dedicated employees, community partners, and most importantly, involved parents. For more information, visit www.rcsdk12.org.*