Boeing's $25,000 John D. Warner Award for Excellence in Education Surprises, Delights Seattle's Maple Elementary School

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] surprised Seattle's Maple Elementary School students and staff with the fifth annual John D. Warner Award for Excellence in Education Wednesday during a spirited school assembly. Here (from left to right) , Bob Watt, vice president, State & Local Government & Global Corporate Citizenship, The Boeing Company; Maple Elementary Principal Pat Hunter and retired Boeing Chief Administrative Officer John D. Warner proudly display the $25,000 award check.

The unrestricted grant rewards Puget Sound-area K-12 public schools that demonstrate excellence in school leadership, teacher excellence and student learning. Boeing selected the Beacon Hill school based on its students' steady improvement in Washington Assessment of Student Learning achievement test scores.

Boeing created the grant to honor John D. Warner, who retired as Boeing's chief administrative officer in 2003 after a long and distinguished career with the company. The award recognizes Warner's longtime and continuing dedication to reforming public education.

As an additional treat, Boeing also delivered 18 boxes of 787 Dreamliner LEGO® models to the school -- one for each classroom, plus 787 Dreamliner magnets directing teachers to a Boeing Web site highlighting some of the company's newest products at http://www.newairplane.com/.

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