Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Evaluation Criteria

All applications are first screened for completeness and eligibility by the staff of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Those not meeting the requirements on the first screen will be declined without further review. The remaining applications are reviewed by the Advisory Committee or their appointed representatives.

The Committee evaluates individual applications using the following criteria:

1. **Relevance of project to current issues in education.**
   - Do the objectives of the project have the potential to be a critical factor in solving a problem or changing a condition?
   - Does the project represent creative, original thinking?

2. **Innovation of ideas.**
   - Is this project unique in its approach to solving a problem or addressing an education issue?

3. **Potential and continuing impact on education in the state.**
   - Does the project have a clear, realistic plan for disseminating results to educators who may continue the project beyond the sabbatical year?
   - Who and how many will benefit from this work?
   - Are there measurable outcomes?

4. **Personal and professional qualities.**
   - Is the applicant clearly qualified to carry out the work of the project, with a high degree of likely success?
   - What other community or school activities demonstrate the candidate’s potential for leadership?
   - Does the candidate show a true and deep commitment to teaching and education?