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## **Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation awards \$22,500 to fund 19 innovation grants**

**FARMINGTON, Mich.** – The Board of Trustees of the Farmington / Farmington Hills Education Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2015 Spring grant allocations. These awards were funded from proceeds from October’s successful “A Toast to Education” fundraiser and private donations. These awards bring the total awarded by the Foundation since 2013 to more than \$152,500 to projects impacting students in Farmington Public Schools.

Thirty grant requests totaling more than \$34,465 were submitted for consideration. **The Foundation was pleased to award 19 teacher-submitted projects and initiatives ranging from the 2015 Festival of the Arts to technology in special education.**

Projects and programs funded include six collaborative grants and 13 mini-grants, 13 projects that impact multiple buildings and six unique schools. Awards given include two Technology, eight Extracurricular Enrichment, one Arts and eight Scholastic Achievement projects. Congratulations to the projects that received funding in this cycle.

- 2015 Festival of the Arts: Energize
- Bright Summer, Bright Futures at Gill
- District Recycling Revitalization
- Early Childhood Sleep Education Program
- Esteemed Ladies Leadership Program
- Farmington SAFE and Farmington Public Schools present, "You are not alone. The stigma myth" with Jordan Burnham.
- Green Team PSA's
- Health Fair
- High School eReader Project
- iPad Air 2 in the ESL Classroom
- LEGO Robotics For Afterschool Youth Programs
- Math Pentathlon
- Math Workshop Alive!
- More than sticks and bricks: Camp Riley Makerspace - Where Every Child is a Maker
- Networking for High School Boys Event
- One School, One Book extensions
- Project Blossom
- Technology for Early Learners
- Technology in special education

“The Education Foundation is honored to allocate funds to so many worthy programs,” said David Roggenkamp, board chair and grant committee member. “Foundation funds are helping our students get interesting and innovative educational opportunities that might not otherwise be available. It is vitally important for the Education Foundation to continue to offer innovation grants to our teachers, staff and community members so those opportunities can continue to be created.”



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