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East Lansing Educational Foundation Announces Endowment Grant and Collaboration Grant Winners –Grants totaling \$19,858.94 awarded

East Lansing, MI –The East Lansing Educational Foundation has announced it’s annual Endowment Grant and Collaboration Grant winners. The total for the Endowment and Collaboration Grant winners total \$19,858.94.

Marble Elementary was awarded \$9000 from the Collaboration Grant to purchase SMART Boards. In Collaboration with the Marble Parent Council who will match the grant application for \$9000.00 will allow the placement of one SMART Board in each remaining classroom at Marble Elementary School. Ruth Riddle says, “The use of SMART Boards at Marble provides visual and tactile learning capabilities and enhances student motivation, engagement, and learning in ways that support increased academic achievement. This is partly due to the differentiation that occurs during instruction, that is, *the differentiation via content, process, and product* that broadens the students’ audience, as well as enhances the delivery of instruction to students.”

ELEF endowment income also funded ‘Smart Response Clickers’ for kindergarten and first grade classrooms at Donley Elementary. Megan Carnaghi and Catherine Hunt who wrote the grant explains that the “Smart Response Clickers will provide students the opportunity to participate immediately and collectively in whole group instruction, review and assessments. For instruction, the teacher can have immediate feedback with students’ knowledge of the question or information presented.”

Additional endowment awards were made to: Will Paddock at East Lansing High School to buy two document cameras; Patti Kroth at MacDonald Middle school to purchase music supplies; Andrea Rumsey at Pinecrest for two SMART Boards; Katherine Fisher for reading kits for emerging readers; Melissa Sigh at Red Cedar to purchase headphones for the music lab; Kristen Knickerbocker at East Lansing High School for fifteen graphing calculators; Amanda Moran and Barb McCaffrey at East Lansing High School for special education materials; and Emily Dunn at Red Cedar Elementary for “One World , Many Stories” an event, featuring a performance by a bilingual storyteller or author, music, and interactive cross-cultural activities.

All East Lansing Schools benefited from a grant in this grant cycle.

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