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Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation awards more than \$50,000 to fund 37 innovative grants

Farmington, MI -- The Board of Trustees of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation (FFHEF) are pleased to announce the recipients of the Foundation's 2017/2018 Grant Awards. These awards are made possible through the generosity of donors, sponsors, and the success of last year's Toast to Education. The Foundation has awarded more than **\$295,803** in 279 projects impacting students across Farmington Public Schools since 2012. Every school in the District has benefited from an FFHEF grant.

This past year, 60 grant requests were submitted for funding consideration. The Foundation was pleased to award 37 teacher-submitted projects, totaling \$50,366, across 15 schools, at all levels. Initiatives ranged from extracurricular enrichment to technology integration.

Projects and programs funded include 18 collaborative grants, 16 mini-grants, and three major project (district-wide grants.) Awards given include seven Technology Integration, 14 Extracurricular Enrichment, four Arts and 12 Scholastic Achievement projects. Congratulations to the projects that received funding.

Schools that received grants

Early Childhood

Alameda Early Childhood Center

Elementary

Beechview Elementary School
Farmington STEAM Academy
Hillside Elementary School
Kenbrook Elementary School
Lanigan Elementary School
Longacre Elementary School
Wood Creek Elementary School



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Middle School

East Middle School
Farmington STEAM Academy
Power Middle School
Warner Middle School

High School

Farmington High School
Harrison High School
North Farmington High School

Inspire... Innovate... Invest... are the three words that appear on the logo of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation. As an organization, it is our goal to make these words come alive for the students of Farmington Public Schools. The Board of Trustees of the FFHEF are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's **Inspire*Innovate*Invest** awards.

Inspire: We are inspired by the actions of our volunteers, donors, grant recipients, and students. Our volunteers tirelessly support our efforts. Teachers, staff, and others who take the time to write grant proposals and then bring those ideas to life...the students who have participated in the programs and have learned new life skills as a result...these things inspire us to continue our efforts to achieve great things.

2018 Inspire Awardee: Chef Bob Greig

Innovate: We celebrate the creativity of our grant recipients. Our grant recipients create new, innovative ideas that help improve the total educational process – both in and outside of the classroom. We honor innovations that step outside the confines of normal funding models. We celebrate innovations that find new ways to deliver learning to our students.

2018 Innovate Awardee: Jeannine Donigan-Hales, Hillside Elementary for Let's Shop

Invest: The only way to make these ideas come to life is for our community to continue investing in the future. Investing our time, resources, passions, efforts, and money. It is through our investments that these ideas are nurtured and innovations come to life. It is through our investments that we all demonstrate our commitment to the future.

2018 Invest Awardee: Ray Okonski



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“The Education Foundation is honored to support so many worthwhile initiatives across the District. Foundation funds introduce new ideas and methods of learning to students that might not have otherwise occurred,” stated David Roggenkamp, Board Chair FFHEF.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Foundation’s mission is to “foster investment in innovative educational opportunities to benefit the students of Farmington Public Schools.” Questions regarding the Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation may be directed to Executive Director Nancy Jennings at director@ffhedfoundation.org or by calling 248.426.2897. To learn more about the Education Foundation, visit www.ffhedfoundation.org.