



## South Washington County Schools

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board  
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Jodi Witte, District Grant Coordinator

DATE: May 18, 2017

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Grant Application and Grant Awards

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Personalization and Climate and Culture for Students

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approve Grant Submission and Accept Grant Awards

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: May 25, 2017

### REPORT

#### **PrairieCare Child & Family Fund Grant Award**

PrairieCare provides mental health services for children, adolescents, and adults in the metro area. They recently offered a grant called *School District Sustainable Mental Health Professional Education Initiative*.

Park and East Ridge High School will participate in *The Resiliency Project* that will support emotional self-regulation and positive youth development. The project is in response to growing student needs around anxiety and toxic stress. *The Resiliency Project* will 1) develop curriculum that integrates mindfulness, movement, and social-emotional practices; 2) train teachers and staff; 3) implement curriculum into the school day that promotes self-care and emotional regulation; and 4) promote mental health and wellbeing through a high school and employee wellness campaign. Grant funds would cover contracted services, extended hours, conferences, and campaign materials.

**Grant Award: \$13,350**

#### **3M Community Giving Grant Award**

3M gives awarded Community Education a grant for #CESkoolie – Access for All. CE will offer six pop-up educational programs by targeted higher-needs schools via #CESkoolie, their renovated and repurposed school bus. Students and their families will participate in 3 different projects: 1) work with local artists to paint the #Skoolie bus, 2) MAD Science on STEM projects, and 3) fitness/wellness activities by the YMCA and Parks & Recreation. The project fosters inclusivity and builds CE capacity to better meet the needs of underserved families. The grant would cover Mad Science and materials.

**Grant Award: \$7,500**



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### St. Croix Valley Community Foundation Grant Award

The Foundation offers health and wellness grants that tackle the growing childhood obesity issue and connect students to the rich, natural resources of the St. Croix Valley region.

Crestview Elementary received a grant to purchase tower gardens for use in grades 2-5. This project engages students in foundational science and math skills by growing their own food, year round, using state-of-the-art vertical aeroponic Tower Garden technology. Students will harvest their crops and have a salad party to taste test their greens and vegetables and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

**Grant Award: \$4,000**

### Andersen Corporate Foundation Grant Application

Andersen Corporate Foundation in Bayport, MN provides grants “to improve lives and strengthen communities, primarily where Andersen employees live and work.”

Park High School was invited to submit a grant application to the Andersen Foundation for a Fab Lab engineering program. The PHS team led by Bonnie Thoe-Austin is proposing an *Inventor Space* that enables ALL students to turn their ideas into a prototype or product by giving them access to materials and advanced digital manufacturing technology. In this innovative educational environment, students can dream, tinker, play, collaborate, and experiment while meeting academic standards and developing skills for the workplace. The *Inventor Space* will roll out by offering a “How to Make Anything” class and expand to other curriculum areas and team teaching possibilities. The *Inventor Space* offers the potential for additional business/industry and community partnerships to help sustain and support this innovative educational experience.

**Equipment Request:** 4 MakerBot 3D Printers, Milling Machine, Vinyl Printer/Cutter, Laser Engraver (Existing technology from 3M grants: t-shirt press, 3D printer)

**Classroom Facilities:** cabinets, tables and benches

### Timeline:

June 2017: submit proposal to Andersen Windows

Fall 2017: PHS submits course proposal for How to Make Anything Class

Summer 2018: teachers complete training

Fall 2018: implement How to Make Anything Class at PHS

**Estimated Grant Request:** \$120,000