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MOLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2022-23 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Moline Public Schools Foundation has released its list of grant recipients for the 2022-23 school year. The 23 grants will fund projects at 10 different schools across the district, and total nearly \$40,000. Grant funding will reach students of all ages from preschool through high school.

Grants from the Moline Public Schools Foundation are for extra resources and creative projects that aren't typically funded by the school district, like flexible seating, special equipment for music and physical education, and supplemental technology and learning materials.

"Our grants are all about giving teachers the resources they need to make a difference in the lives of students," says Debbie Bohman, Moline Public Schools Foundation Board President. "Each year, we partner with the school district to understand the needs of teachers and connect with projects that fulfill our mission."

Dr. Rachel Savage, Moline-Coal Valley School District Superintendent, sees value in its partnership with the Foundation. "With the rising costs of instructional resources and curriculum, the Foundation provides extra resources for special projects and materials beyond typical classroom supplies for classroom teachers, which benefits them greatly," she says. "When our teachers benefit, our students benefit. And when our students benefit, the community benefits."

The Moline Public Schools Foundation has granted more than \$800,000 to classrooms in the Moline-Coal Valley School District since 1988. The amount awarded in 2022-23 will be 54% higher than grants allocated in 2021-22.

Recipients of 2022-23 teacher grants are:

Ben Holmes, Wilson Middle School, \$4,245
Portable Keyboard for Community Performances

Leslie Hill, Logan Elementary School, \$250
Balance Ball Chair Seating

Jasmin Landeros, Lincoln Irving Elementary School, \$1,424
Flexible Space Nesting Benches

Jenifer Guyton, Washington Elementary School, \$650
Re-Write Boards for Kindergarten

Karissa Utz, Washington Elementary School, \$1,998
Materials to Build Preschool Language, Literacy, and Math Skills

Amy Perry, Wilson Middle School, \$1,461
Concentration Stations with Adjustable Height Desks

Susie Smice, Wilson Middle School, \$1,500
Books for Morning Coffee Club
*project funded in partnership with Moline Rotary Club

Marlena Urbain, Wilson Middle School, \$1,512
Materials for Cooper's Crew Connection Space

Tasha Wiemers, Wilson Middle School, \$800
Wiggle While You Work Bouncy Bands for Desks

Mirrah Rosas, Parent Mentor Program, \$3,900
Parent Mentor School Event Supplies

Megan Radosevich, Bicentennial Elementary School, \$427
Giving Students a Voice With QBall Wireless Microphone

Carolyn Mesick, Moline High School, \$1,180
Charge It! Shelving Station and Mounting Component

Myka Walljasper, Franklin Elementary School, \$800
Flexible Seating for Classroom

Katie Naab, Logan Elementary School, \$2,500
Courtyard Connect Project Materials

Dylan Cross, John Deere Middle School, \$1,786
Pickleball Nets for Physical Education Class

Christine Watts, Bicentennial Elementary School, \$1,780
Problem Solving with 3D Printing

Kristin Koski, Moline High School, \$1,171
Flexible Seating for Classroom

Mikaela Simmons, Lincoln Irving Elementary School, \$4,369
¡Viva la Mariachi! - Classical Guitars for Music Class

Caitlin Hillier, Washington Elementary School, \$300
Extra Extra Read All About It - Magnetic Letters and Reading Tools

Cassandra Alaniz, Lincoln Irving Elementary, \$200
Flexible Group Seating for Small Groups

Ryan Rosenthal, Hamilton Elementary School, \$4,000
Lu Interactive Playground Project

Abigail Clifford, Hamilton Elementary School, \$400
Phonics First Implementation Kit

Tara DeBlaey, Coolidge A.S.P.I.R.E., \$2,660
Flexible Seating and Lap Desks

In addition to the annual grant program, the Moline Public Schools Foundation helps support many other projects such as Read Moline, an initiative aimed at putting books in every classroom and in students' homes, and the Wilson Book Club.

The Moline Public Schools Foundation hosts several events each year to raise financial resources and build community partnerships needed to support its grant program and education-related projects. Initiatives include virtual auctions, the annual Spring Celebration event, Birdies for Charity, Amazon Smile, and shop local events with area businesses.

For more information about the Moline Public Schools Foundation, visit www.molinepsf.org.