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Impact Alamance Awards over \$125,000 in Creativity Grants

Twelve schools in Alamance County will receive funding designed to support innovative and collaborative approaches to classroom instruction.

Teachers from twelve Alamance-Burlington schools were recently named recipients of Impact Alamance's creativity grants. The funding is part of a five-year investment totaling \$750,000 towards Alamance County's public school teachers.

The investment, which is in its second year, also provides professional development for 50 teachers participating in the Teacher Leadership Academy, a partnership between the school system, the Alamance Chamber, and Impact Alamance. Participants in the academy are invited to attend a workshop on grant writing, and are then eligible to apply for creativity grants of up to \$20,000 to implement projects that foster engaged learning through innovative and collaborative approaches. If successful, these pilot projects may be scaled district-wide.

Awardees will use the rest of the school year to plan their projects and purchase materials, before beginning implementation in the fall.

Altamahaw-Ossipee Elementary – \$8,000

Catch the SPRK+

Funds will be used to introduce and expose 4th grade students to the basics of mechatronics, coding and robotics.

B. Everett Jordan Elementary – \$12,500

Succeeding with Seating

Funds will be used to purchase various types of flexible seating school-wide to allow students to release energy and be more engaged and attentive

Centrally Located Programs for Students with Multiple Disabilities and Autism (CLP) – \$2,277

Different Paths to Career Readiness

Funds will provide CLP teachers with academic, prevocational, and vocational task boxes to use with students with autism and other disabilities.

Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) – \$20,000

Innovation Center

Funds will be used to transform an area of the school into a makerspace for students and teachers.

Eastlawn Elementary – \$20,000

Our Edible Schoolyard: Cultivating, Collaborating, Captivating and Sustaining the Community

Funds will support the creation of a community garden to improve students' academic achievements, engagement, and health.

Elon Elementary – \$20,000

Global Reality

Funds will provide students schoolwide with three global carts equipped with global virtual field trips and artifact kits to transform student learning through technology and research.

E.M. Holt Elementary – \$15,686

Community Collaboration for Creativity and Critical Thinking

Materials and partnerships leveraged with funding will provide STEM and computer programming lessons for students in grades 3-5 and provide professional development for teachers to execute the programming lessons.

Highland Elementary – \$6,420

Yoga Hawks

Funding will be used to offer yoga and mindfulness training and activity card decks for teachers schoolwide and a set of yoga mats for each grade level.

Ray Street Academy – \$3,000

Parent Academy

Funding will support quarterly sessions with students and parents/guardians to improve student academic, social, and emotional success and parent/guardian engagement.

South Graham Elementary – \$10,000

STEAM Academy

Funding will provide one grade level with Engineering is Elementary programming, professional development for teachers and a makerspace.

Sylvan Elementary – \$4,000

Developing Engaged 21st Century Learners in Our Learning Lab

Funding will support the creation of a classroom learning lab that emphasizes creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication.

Walter M. Williams High School – \$4,700

Student Leadership Academy

Funding will provide relevant and engaging opportunities for a cohort of 11th grade student leaders to learn more about the community and their peers.

For more information about Impact Alamance, their funding priorities or upcoming grant opportunities please visit www.impactalamance.com.

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About Impact Alamance

Impact Alamance's mission is to strategically invest in Alamance County for hope, health and prosperity. Founded in 2013, the foundation is result of Alamance Regional's merger with Cone Health. Two million dollars annually will be invested toward improving the health and wellbeing of children in Alamance County. Learn more about Impact Alamance's strategic focus areas at <http://www.impactalamance.com>.