



Six School Districts Receive Nearly \$52,000 in Technology Integration Grants

WACO, TX – Nearly 2,400 kids and their teachers will soon have access to a range of instructional technology thanks to the Education Service Center (ESC) Region 12 Technology Foundation. Foundation board members and top donors surprised six school districts this week with nearly \$52,000 in funds to support educational technology programs.

"The ESC Region 12 Education Technology Foundation supports our center's work to leverage resources and drive more money to students and teachers in the classroom," commented ESC Region 12 Executive Director Jerry Maze, Ed.D. "To have a direct impact on a school's ability to provide or expand access to instructional technology is really an exciting victory. We are proud to support the work that area schools are doing to give students first-class technology in the classroom."

Connally ISD high school received \$8,557 for their project to increase access and technology frequency to a web-based writing program to improve student's writing through practice, immediate feedback and guided support.

Goldthwaite ISD's high school campus received \$9,703.66 for their project that will enhance college readiness by creating a makerspace for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) programs.

Hillsboro ISD's elementary campus received \$10,000 to integrate tech tools to promote learning and retention of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts with robotic programming for struggling student sub-groups.

Robinson ISD's primary/elementary campus received \$9,874 to create makerspaces in media centers that allow for student creativity and imagination.

Troy ISD's Raymond Mays Middle School received \$3,599 for their project to use technology, robots and innovative activities to improve math scores for all students, including at-risk students.

Waco ISD elementary schools (16 campuses) received \$10,000 for their project to use technology and relationships to support positive behavior and increase instructional time for at-risk students.

These six technology projects were selected from a pool of 43 technology grant applications. The foundation accepts applications in the fall and awards a range of six to eight grants each spring.

Since its creation in 2012, the ESC Region 12 Technology Foundation has awarded nearly \$332 thousand to 37 school districts and two charter schools in Central Texas.

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