MEMORANDUM

To: All School-Level Administrators and Teachers
From: Dr. Marcia Oglesby, Director of Grants and Partnerships
Through: Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief of CEIP
Date: September 12, 2025
Subject: *Funding Focus Friday*: Teacher Innovation Grants

Are you ready to transform your classroom with a powerful idea that inspires deeper learning and student engagement? The Teacher Grants for Innovation, offered through the *Georgia Teachers Initiative* and funded by the *Georgia Foundation for Public Education*, are designed to support creative, classroom-based projects that lead to measurable improvements in student achievement.

These grants provide $500 to $2,500 to help educators like you bring meaningful and imaginative learning experiences to life. Whether through new technology, collaborative learning models, or hands-on discovery, this is your opportunity to make a lasting impact beyond textbooks and traditional instruction.

Grant Highlights:

- Awards range from $500 to $2,500
- Rolling application cycle. Next deadlines: October 15, 2025, and January 15, 2026
- Winners announced on the 15th of the following month

Need inspiration? Here are real-world examples of past winners:

- **Podcast**: Based Literacy Projects to improve reading comprehension
- **Student-Led School Gardens** for science and environmental literacy
- **Coding and Robotics Clubs** to boost STEM engagement
- **Culturally Responsive Book Clubs** to foster inclusivity and voice
- **Escape Room Math Challenges** for hands-on problem-solving
- **Virtual Reality Expeditions** to make history and science come alive
- **Explore more real-world ideas** from previous awardees: Past Grant Recipients

These innovative projects enrich the student experience and promote measurable academic growth and critical thinking skills. Let your creative passion lead the way and turn big ideas into reality. Learn more and apply for the Georgia Teachers Initiative Teacher Grants for Innovation at https://georgiateachersinitiative.org/grants/.

The Department of Grants and Partnerships is here to support you in shaping your ideas and strengthening your submissions. To begin your application or have your questions answered, email us at grantsandpartnerships@dekalbschoolsga.org.

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