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EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANT FROM FMH FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT ODESSA HS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

(Odessa, TX.) The Education Foundation of Odessa is excited to announce that they are the recipients of a grant from the **FMH Foundation** in the amount of **\$170,000** that will support updates to the Odessa High School Performing Arts Center in Ector County ISD.

The Odessa High School Performing Arts Center serves hundreds of students annually through theatre, choir, band, dance, and community events. The current technical equipment is outdated and no longer meets the creative and instructional needs of the districts' programs. Updating the lighting system, projection technology, and sound equipment will enhance the quality of performances, support modern teaching practices, and ensure students are trained on industry-relevant tools. These improvements will create a safer, more versatile space that fosters student engagement, artistic excellence, and career readiness in the performing arts.

“We are incredibly thankful to the FMH Foundation and the Education Foundation for this incredible opportunity to upgrade the lighting in the Performing Arts Center at Odessa High School,” says ECISD Fine Arts Executive Director, Dr. Aaron Hawley. “This vital support will brighten the arts opportunities for our students and community.”

About Education Foundation of Odessa

The Education Foundation of Odessa is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization of citizens who share a vision of enhancing education in ECISD. The Education Foundation of Odessa provides a new and innovative source of funding to support the school district's educational plan. The Foundation does not attempt to replace lost state funding, nor does it attempt to take the place of the district's operating budget. When considering the level of funding required to educate students, the Foundation can expect only to provide funds for those projects and activities that go beyond the normal classroom experience. Such initiatives provide enrichment, research opportunities, teacher training, intervention and prevention strategies and extend the educational effort.

The mission of the Education Foundation is to create opportunities for education in Ector County ISD. Our vision is that every student in ECISD will be school-ready, college-ready, work-ready... WORLD-READY!

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