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New Instruments Bring Music to Life at Inborden Elementary STEAM Academy

HALIFAX, NC - Students at Inborden Elementary STEAM Academy are making music with a new collection of instruments thanks to the generosity of Exponential Scholars of New York.

A DonorsChoose project submitted by Inborden music teacher Mr. Rizal Tinaza was fully funded, providing students with new instruments to explore music through hands-on learning.

Students have now received the instruments, which include fish-shaped and cube xylophones, three-tone trio chime bells, drumsticks, a piano keyboard, wrist, egg and maraca shakers, radiant tambourines, two classical-style ukuleles, and a four-piece drum set.

"These instruments are more than classroom materials—they are opportunities for my students to discover their talents, express their creativity, build confidence, and experience the joy of making music together," Tinaza said. "We are deeply grateful to Exponential Scholars of New York for fully funding our DonorsChoose project and helping turn our small instruments into big dreams!"

Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham said the donation demonstrates the impact that investing in student opportunities can have across the district.

"When we talk about providing opportunities for our students, this is exactly what we mean," Cunningham said. "Every child deserves the chance to discover what they are passionate about and develop their talents."

The donation is helping expand arts education at Inborden Elementary STEAM Academy and providing students with additional opportunities to learn and create.

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