



## **Grant Cycle 2021-2022**

### **OCTOBER 2021 APPROVED GRANTS**

1. Calm Collect for Preschoolers with Special Needs (Preschool) Barnes ~ \$596  
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
2. Literacy Footprints (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades) All elementary buildings and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades ~ \$67,725  
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
3. iPads to Support Learning for K-1 Students (K-1<sup>st</sup> grades) Maire ~ \$6,600  
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
4. Orff Instruments for Maire Bears (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades) Maire ~ \$8,157  
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
5. Book and Baggies (Kindergarten) Monteith ~ \$2,777  
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
6. Literature Circles in the Eighth Grade (8<sup>th</sup> grade) Parcels ~ \$1,000
7. Harlem String Quartet Residency (6-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Pierce, Brownell and South ~ \$1,500
8. Salmon In the Classroom (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) North ~ \$2,398
9. Macro Camera Lenses (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) South ~ \$2,770
10. Upgrade to the Music Technology/Piano Lab (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) South ~ \$2,000

**Total grants awarded October 2021 = \$95,523**



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### **MARCH 2022 APPROVED GRANTS**

1. First in Michigan Lego League (Grades K-4<sup>th</sup>) Defer ~ \$1,300  
Funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund
2. Botmasterz Robotics (Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Pierce ~ \$1,200
3. Virtual Reality in World Language Classroom (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) North ~ \$257
4. The Green and Gold Café: Special Education Micro-enterprise (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and age 18-26) North ~ \$2,015
5. Astronomy Class Supplies (Grades 9-12) South ~ \$1,788
6. Boll Fitness Center Medicine Ball Sets (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) South ~ \$3,415

**Total grants awarded March 2022 = \$9,975**

**TOTAL CYCLED GRANTS AWARDED 2021-2022 = \$105,498**



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**1. Calm Collect for Preschoolers with Special Needs (Preschool) Barnes (\$596)**

This software is a music and movement SmartBoard program that improves the attention, focus and self-awareness to complete tasks. It will be used to self-calm children with mindful movement and aide in their transition to kindergarten. GPFPE is fortunate to be able to fund this grant through the *Lois J. Warden* Fund that has been established in her memory and is designated for important early and elementary educational programs within the school system.

*Submitted by Kelly Vess, Marinel Gaitan, Dorothy Heitjan, Lisa Thomas and Paige Nalepka*

**2. Literacy Footprints (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades) All elementary buildings and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades (\$67,725)**

These kits will supplement guided reading instruction with a series of leveled texts and lessons that encompass traditional tales, realistic fiction, fantasy and informational reading. This grant will also be funded by the renowned *Lois J. Warden Fund*.

*Submitted by Sandra Cameron and GPPSS Literacy Coaches*

**3. iPads to Support Learning for K-1 Students (K-1<sup>st</sup> grades) Maire (\$6,600)**

Also funded through the generosity of the *Lois J. Warden Fund*, this grant purchases a classroom set of 20 iPads that will be easier for young students to use during Math and Reading assessment and when taking the NWEA tests. *Submitted by Michelle Kramer*

**4. Orff Instruments for Maire Bears (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades) Maire (\$8,157)**

This request comes from an Orff certified new music teacher, wanting to use these instruments with her students – since singing activities are not allowed at this time. The focus will be on speaking, moving and playing. This grant will also be funded by the *Lois J. Warden Fund* that is set up for young learners. *Submitted by Elizabeth Scannell*

**5. Book and Baggies (Kindergarten) Monteith (\$2,777)**

This team of Kindergarten teachers wishes to create an effective school-to-home connection for their students and families. The grant award will purchase high interest and diverse texts, kept and organized in quality book totes. Since this grant will be used for elementary children and young families, we are happy to give funding credit to the *Lois J. Warden Fund*

*Submitted by Natalie Bruveris, Theresa Comilla, Ashley Kerby and Diane Richards*

**6. Literature Circles in the Eighth Grade (8<sup>th</sup> grade) Parcels (\$1,000)**

This instructor will form small book groups within her classes to enhance the existing 8<sup>th</sup> grade theme, which is treating others with respect and kindness. Students will read the chosen book, discuss the novel and find the connections to the theme. Four sets of 15 books will be purchased. *Submitted by Marci Charuba and Erika Fell*



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**7. Harlem String Quartet Residency (6-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Pierce, Brownell and South (\$1,500)**

Taking inspiration from the GPPSS opening gathering on Race, Equity and Inclusion, this Music Department Chair asked the Grammy award winning Harlem String Quartet, in the area for a concert, to shadow him for a day as he teaches middle and high school students. The renowned quartet will perform, coach and offer master classes to these fortunate instrumental students. Both GPPSS and the Harlem String Quartet share a mission to embrace diversity and celebrate unique backgrounds. This residency will also foster important Global Awareness. *Submitted by James Gross*

**8. Salmon In the Classroom (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) North (\$2,398)**

A new Chemistry, Honors Chemistry and probable Environmental Studies instructor at North wishes to create a Michigan Department of Natural Resources program where Chinook Salmon eggs are received and nurtured in the classroom for six months and eventually released into a local river. Students will be responsible for the feeding, cleaning and maintenance of the fish and the tank they are placed in. During this experience, connections will be made to science, social studies, math and language arts. By sharing in this unique experience, students are more likely to see and value the connections between classwork and the world we live in. *Submitted by Christopher Trepanowski*

**9. Macro Camera Lenses (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) South (\$2,770)**

This grant funds the purchase of 10 macro lenses for students to use on cameras which will be able to focus on “never before seen” tiny details and textures in their photography. Written descriptions will connect science and art. *Submitted by Amber Mades*

**10. Upgrade to the Music Technology/Piano Lab (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) South (\$2,000)**

This partial grant will help fund new MIDI keyboards and headphones for South’s music classes. With new equipment, students will more easily learn, compose, arrange and practice their music. *Submitted by Chris Takis*

**11. First in Michigan Lego League (Grades K-4<sup>th</sup>) Defer (\$1,300)**

This grant funds the startup for two FIRST Lego Leagues: Explore for grades K-3 and Challenge for grade 4. These are clubs where early elementary students work together to build models using LEGO Education WeDo 2.0 and create posters to present what they have learned. The season ends with an expo where teams share their work. FIRST LEGO League Challenge is a club where 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary students work together to research a ‘real world’ engineering problem, and then design, build and program a robot to accomplish a mission. This also culminates in a competition where many 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams celebrate and share the work that they have done. GPFPE is fortunate to be able to fund this grant through the *Lois J. Warden Fund* that has been



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established for important elementary programs within the school system. *Submitted by Melissa Keagle and Lindsay Janiec*

**12. Botmasterz Robotics (Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Pierce (\$1,200)**

Twenty middle school girls participate in this club that develops problem solving, self-directed learning, communication, collaboration and creativity as they design and build a robot to solve a problem and enter regional competitions. Valuable STEM skills are learned through hands-on experience in building and coding a robot each year. *Submitted by Sherry Betcher and Jane Plieth*

**13. Virtual Reality in World Language Classroom (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) North (\$257)**

In a time period where school field trips have been limited, this grant purchases 35 Google Cardboard Headsets and two storage totes so that this Spanish teacher can 'take' her students to virtual worlds in Spain and Mexico, where they can explore cultures and geography connected to their instruction. *Submitted by Mandolyn Grattan*

**14. The Green and Gold Café: Special Education Micro-enterprise (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and age 18-26) North (\$2,015)**

This grant funds a Special Education program at North High School where students take staff coffee orders, prepare the beverages and deliver the product around the building. Students learn real life job simulations from this project and benefit from the social interactions they have each day. A new professional coffee maker, delivery carts and coffee will be purchased with this grant. *Submitted by Sheila Doss and Amy Koontz*

**15. Astronomy Class Supplies (Grades 9-12) South (\$1,788)**

Ten portable telescopes and thirty red flashlights will be purchased by this grant. This new equipment will give Astronomy students the tools needed to use the skills learned in class and to apply them to the actual experiences of space, as seen through the new telescopes. Red flashlights are specifically developed for night vision so students can more easily star gaze at night. *Submitted by Claire Sobolak*

**16. Boll Fitness Center Medicine Ball Sets (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) South (\$3,415)**

This grant purchases six complete sets of medicine balls and one Heavy Medicine Ball set for use in the Physical Education Classes at South's Boll Fitness Center. Five classes, such as Weight and Strength Training and Introduction to Team Sports, focus on developing physically literate individuals who will have the knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of physical activity and healthy lifestyles. *Submitted by Kathy Smith*

1. **“BeaTween” the Books Therapy Dog Program (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Pierce ~ \$800**
2. **Chill Room iPad for Check-in/out (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) South ~ \$794**
3. **Wellness Lunch Time (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) South ~ \$327**
4. **Therapeutic Fidget and Sensory Items (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) North ~ \$300**
5. **Inclusivity Training for Teachers (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Brownell ~ \$350**
6. **University of Michigan Peer to Peer Program (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) North ~ \$2,500**
7. **Sensory Path to Support PBIS (K-4<sup>th</sup>) Defer ~ \$5,400**
8. **Yoga Club for Teachers and Students (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Brownell ~ \$300**
9. **Yoga SEL (Y5-1<sup>st</sup>) Richard ~ \$370**
10. **Cyber Safety (K-12) Districtwide ~ \$3,000**
11. **Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma and Finding Solutions (K-12)  
Districtwide ~ \$5,750**
12. **Resilience and Mindfulness (K-4) Maire and Richard ~ \$497**
13. **REPaRE Training (Pre-K-Age 26) Districtwide ~ \$1,800**

**Total SEED Mental Health Grants awarded 2021-2022 = \$22,188**

**GRAND TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED 2021-2022 = \$127,686**

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1. **“BeaTween” the Books Therapy Dog Program (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Pierce (\$800)**  
 Beatrice is a registered 2-year-old AKC Clumber Spaniel therapy dog at Pierce Middle School eager to bring smiles, warm hearts and a calm presence to the students. Bea will enhance relationships with students and teachers and assist with reducing anxiety and stress. This grant pays for many of the supplies needed to keep a dog at school during the school day as well as insurance, therapy dog membership and several related books. *Submitted by Christina Michaud*
  
2. **Chill Room iPad for Check-in/out (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) South (\$794)**  
 This Chill Room at South benefits every student by allowing a safe space to decompress and practice self-soothing skills. This grant will purchase one iPad to be used for checking students in and out to track the usage and allow the students to get the mental health support that they need. *Submitted by Lisa Khoury*
  
3. **Wellness Lunch Time (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) South (\$327)**  
 This grant purchases craft and art supplies needed for lunch time wellness activities in the Library at South. These activities give students an option of camaraderie and community as well as promote mental health.  
*Submitted by Courtney Johnson, Patti O'Hare and Nicole Westfall*
  
4. **Therapeutic Fidget and Sensory Items (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) North (\$300)**  
 Assorted fidgets, squeezer balls, magnetic rocks, aroma therapy items and self-help books will be purchased with this grant to be used in the Emotionally Impaired Classroom at North. Students will use the sensory items to relieve stress and anxiety as well as promote better focus and concentration.  
*Submitted by Lisa Steiner*
  
5. **Inclusivity Training for Teachers (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Brownell (\$350)**  
 With the objective of assisting staff in their goal to be supportive and welcoming of all students, this SEED grant will provide for training for all staff at Brownell, focusing on appropriate language and terminology, separating biases and perceptions, understanding and connecting with student experience as it relates to the LGBTQ+ community at the school.  
*Submitted by Angie Niforos, Corinne Oderfer, Holli McNally and Rodger Hunwick*
  
6. **University of Michigan Peer to Peer Program (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) North (\$2,500)**  
 This SEED grant will support mental health at North through a continued partnership with University of Michigan and their Peer to Peer (P2P) program. The funds will be used for a multitude of engagement activities for students to decide themselves what will be helpful to prevent suicide, bring awareness to depression and anxiety supports and cultivate a culture of caring among students.  
*Submitted by Kim Deptula, Lauren Klein, Christine Kuhl and Kelly Osborne*
  
7. **Sensory Path to Support PBIS (K-4<sup>th</sup>) Defer (\$5,400)**  
 Giant, fun, stimulating sensory path stickers will be professionally placed in the hallways of Defer to increase attention and relieve stress and anxiety. Students have difficulty regulating their emotions/bodies and brain breaks allowed by the



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teachers at opportune times will let the students move with sensory input in order to decrease disruptive behaviors.

*Submitted by Alisha Salli and Maribeth Saylor*

**8. Yoga Club for Teachers and Students (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Brownell (\$300)**

Yoga supplies like mats and bolsters, blocks or straps will be purchased with this partial SEED grant. Once a week for students and once a week for staff, yoga classes will be offered to provide a wellness program opportunity. Yoga has many physical, mental and social benefits for both students and teachers.

*Submitted by Darlene Lovelace*

**9. Yoga SEL (Y5-1st) Richard (\$370)**

Yoga supplies like massage game mats and brick foam blocks will be purchased with this SEED grant. Lunchtime yoga classes will be offered to provide a safe place to learn the skills necessary to self-regulate and focus during lessons. Yoga has many physical, mental and social benefits for students. *Submitted by Sierra Koleber and John Kernan*

**10. Cyber Safety (K-12) Districtwide (\$3,000)**

The district has hired Cyber Safety Consulting (CSC) to deliver Internet Safety programming virtually to both parents and students. This grant will fund these pre-set presentations to educate students and parents together and separately on the dangers that they face every day in their online life and provide them with strategies to parent in this hyper digital age. *Submitted by Keith Howell and Chris Stanley*

**11. Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma and Finding Solutions (K-12) Districtwide (\$5,750)**

This SEED grant will provide the funds to hire Dr. Gretchen Moran Marsh, a clinical psychologist specializing in anxiety and depression, to address ending the stigma around mental health in an engaging presentation. This presentation is powerful, invigorating and gives real tools to students to support themselves and others. It will be live for secondary students and parents as well as staff on their devices and then will be taped for future viewing to other students and their parents. *Submitted by Dr. Roy Bishop*

**12. Resilience and Mindfulness (K-4) Maire and Richard (\$497)**

This grant will purchase GoZen software licenses for two elementary schools for one school year. Through interactive animation, teacher led lessons and extracurricular supports this SEED learning program will help teachers and students build resilience, character and emotional intelligence. Paired with Leader in Me skills already in the district elementary classrooms, this supplement will be tested to see if more schools in the district will benefit. *Submitted by Dr. Heather Carroll and John Kernan*



**13. PREPaRE Training (Pre-K-Age 26) Districtwide (\$1,800)**

GPPSS will use PREPaRE training to improve and strengthen our school safety and crisis management plans and emergency response. PREPaRE curriculum has been developed by the National Association of School Psychologists. This grant will fund in-person training on Comprehensive School Safety Planning and Prevention for 40 staff members including all building administrators as well as mental health staff. This funds phase 1 of the training. *Submitted by Stefanie Hayes and Roy Bishop*