



Grant Cycle 2022-2023

OCTOBER 2022 APPROVED GRANTS

1. Marching Norsemen Banding Together for New Uniforms (Grades 9-12) North ~ \$28,000
2. Grosse Pointe Destination Imagination (Grades 2-12) District Wide ~ \$2,000
3. All About the Bass (Xylophone) (Grades K-4th) Defer ~ \$2,665
Funded through the *Lois J. Warden Fund*
4. Kerby Playground Renovation (Grades K-4th) Kerby ~ \$10,000
5. Phonemic Awareness (Young Fives and Kindergarten) Mason ~ \$436
Funded through the *Lois J. Warden Fund*
6. Leveled Books for Classroom Libraries (Kindergarten) Mason ~ \$8,579
Funded through the *Lois J. Warden Fund*
7. Floreo (Grades 5-8th) Brownell ~ \$2,450
8. All Gender Robotics Club (Grades 5-8) Pierce, ~ \$1,200
9. Professional Grade Camcorders (7th and 8th grades) District Middle Schools, ~ \$5,996
10. Cameras and Camera Equipment for GPN Student Media (Grades 9-12) North High School, ~ \$8,567
11. Reigniting Recycling at South High School (Grades 9-12) South, ~ \$2,640
12. Hydraulic Press for 3D Design with Metals Course (Grades 9-12) South, ~ \$1,662
13. 3D Printers (6-12th grades) North, South, Parcels and Pierce, ~ \$1,500
14. Funding Assistance for Combined High School Robotics Team (Grades 9-12) North and South, ~ \$2,000
15. Sound Console Upgrade for the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center (K-12th grades and Grosse Pointe Community) North, ~ \$30,000

Total of Regular Grants Fall Cycle: \$107,695



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1. **Marching Norsemen Banding Together for New Uniforms (Grades 9-12) North (\$28,000)**
This grant was deferred by GPPPE from 2021, while North High School worked on fundraising to order new uniforms for the North Marching Band. After raising matching funds, the Norsemen band uniforms have been ordered and coats, pants, hats and raincoats will be arriving soon. *Submitted by Tom Torrento*
2. **Grosse Pointe Destination Imagination (Grades 2-12) District Wide (\$2,000)**
Destination Imagination teams across the GPPSS district have qualified for DI state tournaments and also global competitions. This partial grant helps to fund these creative teams with registration fees and t-shirts as they take on challenges and collaborate to solve STEAM oriented problems, representing the Grosse Pointe community. *Submitted by Courtney Dykstra*
3. **All About the Bass (Xylophone) (Grades K-4th) Defer(\$2,665)**
The Defer music teacher requested this grant to complete her extensively used Orff instrument collection. A bass xylophone and a rolling cart will be purchased. *Submitted by Elizabeth Scannell*
4. **Kerby Playground Renovation (Grades K-4th) Kerby (\$10,000)**
This grant will be applied toward replacing Kerby's 30 year old playground. The school hopes to continue to raise funds from many sources, as this project will cost approximately \$115,000. *Submitted by Jessica Safadi, Brooke Farrell and Walt Fitzpatrick*
5. **Phonemic Awareness (Young Fives and Kindergarten) Mason (\$436)**
A Heggerty Phonemic awareness program will be purchased by this grant, to help students with this crucial prereading step. It will be funded through the *Lois J. Warden Fund* that is designated for important early and elementary educational programs within the school system. *Submitted by Georgianna Murray*
6. **Leveled Books for Classroom Libraries (Kindergarten) Mason (\$8,579)**
This grant, for two Kindergarten classrooms, replaces old texts with high quality, culturally responsive content and engaging student leveled books. Approximately 700 new books will be purchased by the *Lois J. Warden Fund* for this Title 1 school. *Submitted by Caroline Copp and Jenny Tyler*
7. **Floreo (Grades 5-8th) Brownell (\$2,450)**
The Brownell Special Education ASD instructors requested this virtual reality platform to teach skills that benefit students with social, behavioral, communicational and life skills in the safe setting of their classrooms. Lessons from this pilot program will enhance routines and teach problem solving and self- regulation. *Submitted by Jodie Mellos and Kim Moskwa*



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8. **All Gender Robotics Club (Grades 5-8) Pierce, (\$1,200)**
Aimed for the newest Pierce robotics team, this grant will help fund materials and supplies, robot parts, tools and registration for competitions. *Submitted by Emma Shettler, Jessica Kodanko and Ian Flemming*
9. **Professional Grade Camcorders (7th and 8th grades) Pierce, Brownell and Parcels, (\$5,996)**
This grant is for middle school Broadcast Journalism programs, to upgrade equipment for high quality recordings of events, sports and performances. It will purchase 3 camcorders and 3 tripod kits. *Submitted by Steve Geresy, Corey Ernst and Sean Kifer*
10. **Cameras and Camera Equipment for GPN Student Media (Grades 9-12) North High School, (\$8,567)**
Funding instructional camera tools for North yearbook and journalism students, this award will prepare them for the current digital age of documentation and creative expression. *Submitted by Allison Dunn and Sarah Clinet*
11. **Reigniting Recycling at South High School (Grades 9-12) South, (\$2,640)**
This grant purchases 50 new bins, which are collected and emptied by this Conservation Club, Environmental Studies classes and special needs students, who are striving to be more sustainable and Earth friendly, while encouraging South students to do the same. *Submitted by Shawn McNamara, Lily Stidham, Anna Bigwood and Ellison Smith*
12. **Hydraulic Press for 3D Design with Metals Course (Grades 9-12) South, (\$1,662)**
Replacing a valuable self- built, decades old hydraulic press, this new tool will allow students more opportunities to form metal for various projects, such as jewelry. *Submitted by Tom Szmrecsanyi*
13. **3D Printers (6-12th grades) North, South, Parcels and Pierce, (\$1,500)**
This grant funds 3D printer units that will be used at the 2 high schools and 2 of the middle schools that have Gearhead Robotics teams. The teacher and mentor of these teams expects to foster cooperation between the high school and middle school students to help them learn 3D printing techniques for engineering design, proto-typing and fabrication. *Submitted by Jason Wolfsen*
14. **Funding Assistance for Combined High School Robotics Team (Grades 9-12) North and South, (\$2,000)**
This partially funded grant will support the purchase of safety equipment, robot maintenance and t-shirts for the FIRST Robotics Competition for high school students, which helps students from both high schools to explore STEM/STEAM challenges in a collaborative manner. *Submitted by Jason Wolfsen*



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15. Sound Console Upgrade for the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center (K-12th grades and Grosse Pointe Community) North, (\$30,000)

The sound console used in this performing arts auditorium is 22 years old. Upgrading to a modern digital console is estimated to cost \$57,000. The GPFPE is awarding \$30,000 as a partial grant for the console and auxiliary equipment that will produce and support high quality events within the GPPSS district and our communities. *Submitted by P.J. Velti and Tom Torrento*

SEED
Social Emotional Encouragement & Development
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1. Cooperative Learning Games and Social Thinking (Young 5's-4th Grade) Monteith Elementary ~ \$722
2. TRAILS to Wellness (Grades 5-12) Three Middle Schools and both High Schools ~ \$35,600
3. Addendum to PREPaRE SEED Grant (K-12th Grade) GPPSS schools, Community Campus and Full Circle, ~ \$1,500
4. The Magic Of Hope and Kindness (Grades 5-8) District Middle Schools ~ \$22,500
5. Student Social Emotional Encouragement (Grades 5-8) Parcels, ~ \$1,500
6. BeaTWEEN the Books Therapy Dog Program (Grades 5-8) Pierce, ~ \$363
7. Pierce Sensory Room (Grades 5-8) Pierce, ~ \$2,700
8. Exercise and Sensory Walkway (9-12th grades and post-secondary students) South, ~ \$181

Total SEED Grants \$65,066

Grand Total This Cycle: \$172,761

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1. **Cooperative Learning Games and Social Thinking (Young 5's-4th Grade) Monteith (\$722)**

This request is from the Monteith social worker for use with her special education students. She feels it will benefit students impacted by the isolation of the pandemic.

Submitted by Michele Stateczny

2. **TRAILS to Wellness (Grades 5-12) Three Middle Schools and both High Schools (\$35,600)**

The GPPSS Secondary Mental Health Team feels that this grant promotes sustainable, cost-effective, school based solutions to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. TRAILS (Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students) is a research-based University of Michigan program developed to promote a healthy culture of physical and mental student wellness. *Submitted by Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Jennifer Sherman, Andrea Bolton and Lisa Khoury*

3. **Addendum to PREPaRE SEED Grant (K-12th Grade) GPPSS schools, Community Campus and Full Circle, (\$1,500)**

This grant is for additional funding for a previous PREPaRE grant, approved by the Board of Education in May, 2022. Two more trainers will attend the Prevent and prepare for psychological trauma...Reaffirm physical health and perceptions of security and safety...Evaluate psychological trauma risk...Provide interventions...and Respond to psychological needs...Examine the effectiveness of crisis prevention and intervention program already started in GPPSS. *Submitted by Stefanie Hayes, Keith Howell and Roy Bishop*

4. **The Magic Of Hope and Kindness (Grades 5-8) Brownell, Parcels and Pierce (\$22,500)**

Assemblies and a workshop at each middle school, tied to advisory themes chosen by staff and students will be presented by Anthony Grupido. Mr. Grupido, who uses magic to engage students, shares his powerful message about his personal struggles with mental health during his teenage years. This grant also funds presentations by Brian Williams, who will demonstrate that every person can make a substantial impact on the world with each act of kindness. *Submitted by Middle School Principals Sara Dirkse, Rodger Hunwick and Ken Milch*

5. **Student Social Emotional Encouragement (Grades 5-8) Parcels, (\$1,500)**

This partial grant will purchase items such as banners, LED cubes and paint, which will be displayed throughout Parcels to constantly remind each student that they are valued, respected and loved. Coordinating with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs used in the school, positive messages will be embedded throughout the school. *Submitted by Assistant Principal Debbie Redlin*



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6. **BeaTWEEN the Books Therapy Dog Program** (Grades 5-8) **Pierce, (\$363)**

This grant continues GPFPE support of Bea, the therapy dog at Pierce Middle School. While funding some of the registration, health and training of Bea, this grant will also provide books for the Pierce library about kindness, the importance of pets and representation of student differences. *Submitted by Christina Michaud, Library Media Assistant*

7. **Pierce Sensory Room** (Grades 5-8) **Pierce, (\$2,700)**

Helping students with special needs to be more calm, focused, energized or alert, this award funds the creation of a sensory space at Pierce. This use of new specialized equipment will support students with autism, attention deficits, hyperactivity and self-regulation difficulties to improve their overall health and focus. *Submitted by Juanita Reymond and Marc Weaver*

8. **Exercise and Sensory Walkway** (9-12th grades and post secondary students) **South, (\$181)**

This grant funds the creation of a sensory path for students, near one of South's ASD classrooms, where students can use the walkway to release some energy and calm their bodies. Special Education instructors hope the walkway will allow their students the opportunity to regain self-regulation and focus during classroom activities. *Submitted by Joseph Evens, Lisa Newbold and Jill Harrison*