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MORRIS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS \$42,050 IN NEW GRANTS TO THE MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exceeds \$189,000 in Districtwide Classroom Grant Funding this School Year

Morristown, NJ (June 10, 2026) – As the school year comes to a close, the [Morris Educational Foundation](#) (MEF) continues investing in innovative educational opportunities that benefit Morris School District students well into the next academic year. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the Foundation recently awarded **three grants totaling \$42,050** bringing the total amount the MEF has invested in grants alone for District students this school year to **more than \$189,000**.

The MEF funds transformative staff-requested programs, resources and experiences that enhance learning throughout all 180 days of the school year and are **not covered by the District's operating budget or local tax dollars**.

The following grants were approved at the June 8th Morris School District Board of Education meeting:

Bringing Learning to Life: Dramatic Play for Kindergarten Knowledge Units

Piloted at Woodland School, materials will be provided to help kindergarten students strengthen oral language, vocabulary development, and social-emotional skills through developmentally appropriate dramatic play experiences.

Cultural Arts for all 10 District Schools

Funding to support cultural arts programs in schools to ensure students continue to engage in performances and initiatives that spark curiosity, fuel creativity, and unlock potential.

FMS Falcon Flight Crew Peer Leader Program

Support for 8th-grade peer leaders to attend training at YMCA Camp Bernie to help incoming 6th graders feel welcomed, build positive connections, and develop life skills during their transition to middle school.

"Even in these final weeks of the school year, we're focused on what's next for our students," said Ann Rhines, MEF Grants Chair and former Morris School District teacher and Board of Education member. "Initiatives like these help students discover new interests, build confidence, strengthen relationships, and deepen their engagement with learning. Thanks to our community's generosity, the MEF is able to support opportunities that might not otherwise be possible and that positively impact all 5,700 students."

Throughout the year, MEF-funded classroom grants have supported real-world STEM experiences, arts residencies, cultural enrichment performances, wellness initiatives, and innovative projects across the District. This latest round of funding demonstrates that the Foundation's work doesn't end when the school year does, it continues to invest in programs that will enrich the educational journey of students next year and for years to come. Highlights and updates from these grants are shared on the Foundation's social media pages, celebrating the real impact of community support.

The Morris Educational Foundation invites community members, alumni, families, and local businesses to help continue this impact. Every donation large or small helps fuel student success and open doors to a brighter future.

To learn more about the Morris Educational Foundation or to make a gift, please visit www.morrisedfoundation.org.

About Morris Educational Foundation

The Morris Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, enhances educational opportunities for more than 5,700 students in all 10 schools of the Morris School District. Established to raise private funds for public education, the Foundation works to enrich and inspire the academic pursuits of all our students, from preschool through high school. For more information, visit www.morrisedfoundation.org.

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