



Press Release

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Caledonia Community Schools awarded \$75K grant by education foundation

Caledonia Education Foundation grant supports implementation of new math curriculum

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Caledonia Community Schools (CCS) has accepted a grant for \$75,000 from the Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF). The grant will help offset expenses of the new K-8 math curriculum at CCS, which is a comprehensive core mathematics program that makes math accessible to all students.

“As we educate students during these unprecedented times, our students still must have access to the tools they need to be successful learners,” said **Dedrick Martin**, superintendent of CCS. “We are very grateful to the Caledonia Education Foundation for awarding us this grant, and the community for stepping up to support our kids especially during these tough economic times.”

The CEF exists to strengthen the community by supporting students and educators of CCS. The Foundation manages an endowment to support the funding of educational opportunities through grants and scholarships. The CEF board deemed it appropriate to make a grant in excess of its normally available funds in order to make the biggest impact possible this year.

“The Foundation reached out to Dr. Martin and asked what was the most pressing need that we could fund with the monies we set aside for grants this year,” said **David Schnurstein**, CEF board president. “Giving funds toward the district’s math curriculum in order to free up dollars to reinstate this Student Support Coordinator Position was the result we came up with together. It is our great honor to serve the community and we hope to raise even more funds for the schools moving forward through our Cal Cares initiative.”

The grant will allow CCS to reallocate funds to reinstate a Student Supports Coordinator position, which helps with the coordination of mental, social and emotional services. This position is desperately needed to meet the needs of students and was one of several reductions made over the summer based on anticipated budget shortfalls to state per-pupil funding reports from state officials.

CCS is working with the CEF to develop the new Cal Cares initiative to help bridge funding gaps as a result of the pandemic. The safety, learning and operational needs of students and schools continue to evolve due to COVID-19, and Cal Cares is a simple way for the community to get involved and make contributions to support CCS students, teachers and administrators.

For more information and to give to this initiative go to www.caledoniacef.org.

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