



# Notable Recent Grant Awards

## **SME Weight Room Power Blocks**

The Grant funded 16 sets of Power Block Pro 90 weights. Benefiting over 700 students each year. One Power Block set is able to replace 18 pairs of dumbbells, allowing for 1700 lbs. of weight in less than 2 sq. ft.

## **Digital Stock Ticker**

The Grant funded a digital stock ticker for the business hallway. The stock ticker provides students access to real-time stock market data, enabling them to analyze trends.

## **European History Textbooks**

The Grant funded a classroom set of AMSCO AP European History books to help students prepare for the AP European History Exam. These books can be re-used by classes year after year.

**Digital Display Signage** The grant funded digital display signage throughout the entire building to replace existing and outdated announcement system. The new system will allow the administration to run school announcements in a more dynamic and efficient way.

## **SME Woodshop Skateboards**

The Grant funded materials and tools to allow woodshop students to design and fabricate skateboards. The tools would be able to be used year after year and for other projects.

## **SME Artists Residency**

The Grant funded two visiting artists in residence at SME. This will allow SME's visual arts students experience collaborating with professional artists to create professional-level art projects and exhibitions.

## **Ping Pong Ball Launchers**

The Grant funded 15 ping pong ball launchers to be used in connection with SME's Intro to Programming and Computer Science Principals classes. Exposing students

to basic concepts in electronics and enable them to use code to bring a product to life.

## **Sophomore Annotation Novels**

The Grant funded 470 sophomore annotation novels to be used by all sophomore ELA classes. The annotation novels are no longer funded by the district and are necessary to teach students close reading and proper annotation.

## **SME Sensory Room**

The Grant funded sensory equipment necessary to create a sensory room at SME. The purpose of the sensory space to provide a safe and stimulating environment for students to be able to regulate, calm, and cope when needed. The sensory room will be open and available to all SME students.

## **Marching Band Turf Field Amplification**

The Grant funded a new turf field amplification system to replace the existing amplification equipment that was more than 30 years old. The new system is portable to allow it to be used for traveling performances and state competitions.

## **SME Light Up Letters**

The Grant funded 4-ft tall light up letters that spell SME for the school. The purpose of the letters is to increase school spirit, and the letters can be set up any school event including school dances, pep assemblies, senior nights, banquets, games and graduation. The letters can be used from year-to-year by all SME classes.

## **Interactive Biology Models**

The Grant funded interactive biology models to be used in the Honors Biology, IB Biology and AP Biology classes. The models encourage hands on, interactive learning in the classroom.

## **Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses**

The Grant funded solar eclipse viewing glasses for each SME student. The glasses were used by the entire student body to view the solar eclipse that occurred on April 8, 2024.

In the 2023-2024 School Year, The East Fund approved

**13** grants

worth over

**\$75k**