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Lamar Educational Awards Foundation Presents \$345K in Classroom Grants to Teachers

December 6, 2023 – Rosenberg, Texas – This week, and just in time for the holidays, the District's Lamar Educational Awards Foundation (LEAF) awarded \$345,237.91 to 350 teachers during this school year's "Grant Express," which will fund more than 100 classroom innovation grants.

On December 5, LEAF hosted the "Grant Express" for the 2023-2024 school year where 73 representatives loaded buses and traveled throughout the District to surprise teachers in their classrooms with giant checks. Representatives included foundation partners, district administrators, Lamar CISD Board of Trustees, and LEAF Board Members.

"Everything we do is for the kids. My wife is the PE instructor at another campus, and we both applied this year. We both won, which means the kids won," grant recipient Brian Stuckey and PE Coach at Long Elementary School said. He will use the funds to purchase neon gym games such as bowling and mini golf.

During the application process, almost 300 different projects were submitted for consideration, and then thoroughly reviewed and scored by the foundation committee members and volunteers. Awarded projects included activities such as exploring artificial intelligence in healthcare, riding bikes while reading, and simultaneously teaching literacy and robotic programming. Teachers will use these grants to elevate the learning experience for all students within Lamar CISD.

"This is our second teacher grant distribution for 2023," LEAF Executive Director Kameela Lewis said. "I am ecstatic to announce this fiscal year, we have distributed more than \$550,000 in grants that help bring ideas to life and spark student connections. We can't do this alone. The generosity of our foundation partners makes this all possible."

LEAF is grateful to many special guests who joined the event including representatives from Brazos Valley Credit Union, First Financial Group of America, PBK, Rice & Gardner, Stantec, and Russo's New York Pizzeria – Greatwood. If you are interested in supporting the mission of LEAF, you can make a tax-deductible donation and become a Friend of the Foundation by emailing LEAF@LCISD.org.

To view event photos, please click [HERE](#).

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ABOUT LAMAR CISD

As one of the fastest growing districts in Texas, Lamar CISD encompasses 385 miles in Fort Bend County. The District serves more than 44,500 students at 48 campuses throughout 15 municipalities which include Beasley, Fairchilds ETJ, Fulshear, Houston ETJ, Katy, Kendleton, Missouri City ETJ, Orchard ETJ, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Sugar Land, Thompsons, and Weston Lakes.

ABOUT LAMAR EDUCATIONAL AWARDS FOUNDATION

Established in 2000 to benefit the students of Lamar CISD, this 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is governed by a volunteer board of directors that includes local business, industry, and community leaders. The Foundation will provide funds beyond the normal operating budget for educational programs and activities for students and staff. Since its inception in 2000, and with the support of Lamar CISD staff, local foundations, community/business partners and parents, LEAF has distributed more than \$5 million to fund teacher grants during the last 20 years. The foundation also provides funding for district-level programming such as a summer Social Skills Camp, Girls on the Run, STEAM Camp, scholarships, Spring Book Festival, New Teacher Dinner, and classroom stipends for novice teachers.