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Council Bluffs Community Education Foundation Awards \$26,000 in Classroom Grant Funding

The Council Bluffs Community Education Foundation recently awarded \$26,225.66 in classroom grant funding for 34 Classroom Grant programs in the Council Bluffs Community School District. Classroom Grants provide support for teachers with innovative ideas that are aligned with the mission and goals of the school district, and enhance the education of students.

Grants for the 2017-2018 school year will be implemented in 13 different school buildings, impacting thousands of students. Among this year's grant awards are projects that provide funding for school counseling libraries at Hoover and Lewis and Clark Elementary Schools, robotics kits at Franklin and Carter Lake Elementary Schools, tools for the theatre program at Thomas Jefferson High School, and multiple programs designed to encourage family engagement in learning.

"Teachers in the Council Bluffs Community School District are doing amazing things in the classroom every day, and I know that with additional support, they can make an even bigger difference in the lives of our kids," said Chris LaFerla, Executive Director of the Council Bluffs Community Education Foundation. "These classroom grants provide some extra help for our great teachers to implement their own fun, imaginative, and innovative ideas. I am so very grateful for the generosity of our donors, who include community members, school district staff, the Iowa West Foundation, and the Lozier Foundation. Without their support, the classroom grants program would not be possible."

A reception to honor grant recipients will be held at the Council Bluffs Community School District ESC Offices on Monday, December 4 at 4:15 p.m. Media is invited to attend.

The mission of the Community Education Foundation is to provide support to individuals and families in ways that contribute to their ability to learn. We accomplish our mission through cooperation with the Council Bluffs Community Schools and other organizations.