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Press Release: Flagstaff Unified School District Awards Innovative Teacher Grants

The Flagstaff Unified School District Foundation (FUSDF) presented six grant awards totaling over \$5800 yesterday to teachers who applied for the first Teacher Innovation Fund Grants. The FUSDF Teacher Innovation Fund Grants are awarded for teacher-designed and teacher-driven programs and curriculum that improve student achievement through the creativity, ingenuity, and expertise of classroom teachers across the Flagstaff Unified School District.

FUSDF reviewed many grant applications and has awarded the first grants to creative, innovative and original projects that promote activities to motivate students and improve the teaching and learning process. These projects enrich the standard curriculum and explore new alternatives to traditional methods of learning.

Congratulations to the grant awardees and to all of the teachers who applied for this first of its kind grant in Flagstaff.

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