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SUBJECT: \$30,000 awarded in grants to 5 Indian River County Schools

The Education Foundation of Indian River County is pleased to announce that 5 grants, totaling \$30,000, were awarded to 5 local schools.

School District of Indian River County school principals and teachers were encouraged to submit a “Letter of Idea” outlining what you would like to accomplish. Proposals focused on one of the following 4 areas with a focus on increasing student achievement: School Cultural Climate (social and emotional supports), Secondary Science (8th and 9th Biology), Math (6th – 12th), and Reading (K-12th).

The “Letters of Idea” were reviewed and vetted by the Education Foundation of Indian River County’s grant panel. Finalists were invited to present their projects. Board President, Cathy Filusch, shared, “We have forged a very strong partnership with Dr. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools, and administrators this past year to ensure a higher quality educational system for our students and teachers.”

The following schools received grant funding:

- **Beachland Elementary** - “CARS Coding Application for Reading Support”
Principal: Colleen H. Lord, Ed.D. \$4,675.00
- **Glendale Elementary** - “Experiencing Exciting Expeditions”
Principal: Adam Faust \$9,499.00
- **Sebastian River High School** - “Competitive Robotics (and more)”
Principal: Todd Racine Teacher: William Wallace \$4,372.00
- **Sebastian River Middle School** - “Motivation, Enrichment and Intervention Across the Curriculum,” Principal: Jody Idlette-Brown \$7,100.00
- **Storm Grove Middle School** – “21st Century Seating for 21st Century Learning,” Principal: Ann Bieber \$4,650.00

Funding for the grants was made possible through a dollar-for-dollar matching grant program sponsored by the Florida Legislature. The matching funds were contributed by Grand Harbor Community Outreach, Head, Heart & Hands of Indian River Club, and Quail Valley Charities.

For more information about the mission and impact of the Education Foundation, please visit, www.edfoundationirc.org, email: director@edfoundationirc.org, or call (772) 564-0034. To learn more about the School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program – visit: www.educationfoundationsfl.org.

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