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Technology Foundation Grants Awarded to Six Region 12 Schools Total Nearly \$60,000

WACO, Texas – The Education Service Center (ESC) Region 12 Technology Foundation recently awarded six school districts with nearly \$60,000 in grant funds to support educational technology programs.

“I am excited to present grant awards to local school districts for the second consecutive year, which both advances and encourages the innovative use of technology in the classroom,” Advisory Board Chair Kevin Houchin said. “The Technology Foundation is a great example of how ESC Region 12 promotes collaboration between educators and the community to produce outcomes that benefit students throughout central Texas.”

- Belton Pre-K Center, Belton ISD (\$9,980)
- Hillsboro Intermediate School, Hillsboro ISD (\$9,918)
- Kopperl Elementary School, Kopperl ISD (\$10,000)
- Lorena Middle School, Lorena ISD (\$9,743)
- McGregor Elementary School, McGregor ISD (\$9,820)
- Alta Vista Elementary School, Waco ISD (\$10,000)

Collectively, these schools represent 1,327 students across four counties and six districts. The grant funds will be used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as ENO White Boards, Chromebooks and iPads to support traditional classroom learning, enabling both enrichment and remediation across all curriculum areas including literacy, writing, research, science and math.

“The ESC Region 12 Education Technology Foundation became part of our vision for how to continually leverage resources and drive more money to students and teachers in the classroom, where it matters most, more than two years ago. To now present grant money that helps Region 12 schools place instructional technology in the hands of students is an exciting victory,” commented ESC Region 12 Executive Director Jerry Maze, Ed.D. “We are proud to support our schools in their efforts to give all students first-class technology in the classroom.”

The foundation’s Advisory Board is comprised of the following members:

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About ESC Region 12 - Education Service Center Region 12 focuses on helping schools save money and leverage resources into the classroom. One of 20 regional education service centers statewide, ESC Region 12 offers training and expert assistance to educators and school personnel to increase student achievement. ESC Region 12 offers effective, economical programs and services through professional development, expert assistance, direct services and alternative educator certification.

Based in Waco, ESC Region 12 serves 76 school districts, 11 charters and private/parochial schools in Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Mills and Navarro counties. Everything the center offers focuses on helping educators be successful and helping schools save money and leverage resources—driving more money to students in the classroom—where it matters most.