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STEM Middle School In Running

For Share Of $200,000 Grant

*-Community asked to help by voting on-line at* [*www.follettchallenge.com/videos/814*](http://www.follettchallenge.com/videos/814)

The Dearborn Public Schools STEM Middle School is asking for the community to help them earn a grant of up to $30,000. Students and staff at the school have worked hard to complete the grant application and create a video that shows how their school is preparing students for the demands of the 21st century.

They now need your help in securing their share of the grant dollars. The school is asking the community to visit the Follett Challenge website at <http://follettchallenge.com/videos/814> and vote for their video titled “*Students Today Impacting Tomorrow*” - STEM Middle School Dearborn, MI. Voting started January 23 and runs through January 27, 2017. The video portion of the grant application counts for 20% of the school’s final score.

“We strive to include a variety of “hands-on”, interactive lessons in our daily classroom learning, all with the goal of exposing our students to everything STEM,” commented STEM Middle School Principal Ms. Julia Maconochie.

The school is planning on using the funds to purchase items that will support and enhance classroom instruction. A big part of the instructional component at the school involves project based learning that allows students to apply concepts taught in the classroom to solve real world problems.

Although only in its third year, the school is already making a big impact on student learning. The school earned a spot on the State of Michigan’s list of Reward Schools ranking in the top 15 out of the 219 schools making the list. In order to get this designation, a school must either be ranked in the top 5% academically, have shown significant academic progress or have performed better than predicted.

The Follett Challenge is sponsored by Follett School Solutions, a 140 year old company and one of the largest providers of educational materials and technology solutions. Grant recipients will be selected by a team of Follett judges who will review all submissions to determine the winners.

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