

Grants Awarded to Kane District

During the month of February the district was extensively involved in applying for federal and state grants to provide additional resources for students and teachers in our district. The first grant submitted from the district was a Federal Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) application. The SSAE grant process was extremely competitive where we were up against professional grant writers from across the country. Fortunately, we were recently informed that Kane School District will be a recipient of a one-time allocation of \$152,196 through the SSAE grant. The SSAE grant will be distributed as follows:

- The first goal of the SSAE grant is to implement a 7th and 8th-grade reading intervention program at VHS and KMS.
- Second, is to provide additional behavioral health counseling to students across the district.
- Third, the continuation of the early intervention preschool program (UPSTART) for the upcoming school year.
- Fourth purchases a guided reading and take-home library for KES students.

The district also applied for an additional STEM Computing Partnership Grant, which was submitted in cooperation with the Utah State Extension Office and South Central Communications. We have been notified we will receive \$53,823 in the first year, \$42,576 for year 2, and \$44,000 in year 3. The STEM Action Center partnership grant will provide for the following programs and resources to our students:

- Stipend to pay for school Lego League coaches
- Local First Lego League team(s) competition registrations
- Kane First Lego League Jr. Robotics Program
- 4-H Computer Science Club Advisor and Supplies
- Student recognition awards for First Lego League Competition
- Cybercore advisor stipend (6th grade VES and KES)
- Background checks for First Lego League volunteers
- Virtual Reality classroom sets
- Computer Science Professional Development Conference for teachers
- Kane Code Changes Camp (June 18-21)
- Kane Girls Go Digital Registration (June 25-28)
- STEM classroom supplies for teachers who have their STEM endorsement
- STEM elementary teacher classroom kits
- STEM professional development for elementary teachers

The district is also in the first year of a USTAR grant allocation, which has provided the following additional course offerings in Mathematics and Science:

- Concurrent Enrollment Math 130 college course at KHS
- Math I course at KHS
- KMS additional Science 8 course
- VHS Chemistry, Physics, and Zoology course
- VHS Math tutoring
- ACT prep course at KHS and VHS
- Stipends for Math Counts Program KMS/VHS

The district receives \$108,294 each year for three years through the USTAR grant, which totals \$324,882, to offer additional classes and resources to students in Math and Science content areas.

The combined total between the SSAE, STEM Action Center, and USTAR grants means we will receive an additional \$617,477 at Kane District. It is important to note that grant funds cannot supplant prior expenditures and must be used for new programs.

I would like to thank South Central Communications and the Utah State Extension personnel for their assistance with the STEM partnership grant. Also, a special thanks to the district office staff and the Kane County School Board for their support and assistance on the SSAE grant.