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Massachusetts 2020 Announces School-Community Partnership Grants
Schools and community programs across the Commonwealth receive \$175,000 through ELT School-Community Grant Program awards

Boston – July 1, 2008 – Massachusetts 2020 announced the award of 11 ELT School-Community Grants to support 15 partnerships in schools currently implementing Expanded Learning Time. Creating and supporting vibrant school-community partnerships has been a key goal of the Massachusetts Expanded Learning Time (ELT) Initiative – the first in the nation state-wide initiative to redesign schools with substantially more time for learning. Community partners in six districts have been awarded more than \$175,000 to support and strengthen new or existing partnerships with ELT schools.

“As the ELT initiative grows and evolves across the Commonwealth, Massachusetts 2020 is committed to supporting schools and community-based organizations to develop and sustain deep, collaborative partnerships that serve the needs of students and their families,” said Chris Gabrieli, Chairman of Massachusetts 2020. “Massachusetts 2020 believes these partnerships can be transformational for both ELT schools and their partners, and we look forward to seeing the creative, meaningful ways in which the ELT School-Community Grants are put to use.”

In 2008, Massachusetts 2020 invited schools currently implementing ELT and their current or prospective community partners—including organizations such as after-school and youth development programs, arts and cultural institutions, health and mental health agencies, and higher education institutions—to apply for the ELT School-Community Grants through a request for proposals process. Massachusetts 2020 encouraged joint proposals from ELT schools and external organizations for multi-year, integrated school-community partnerships meant to enrich the experiences of students, teachers, partnering organizations, and families.

The funds will be awarded directly to the partner organizations to support their work with ELT schools. The ELT School-Community Grants are for a two-year period, beginning in July 2008, to support in-depth programming and facilitate relationship-building between schools and partner organizations. The ELT School-Community Grants are funded through the generosity of the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation.

The implementation of the Expanded Learning Time Initiative is the result of a unique public-private partnership between Massachusetts 2020 and the Massachusetts Department of Education. The ELT Initiative now includes 18 schools, with more than 9,000 students. More than 50 schools are currently developing plans to implement ELT over the next two years.

For more information about Expanded Learning Time, please visit: www.mass2020.org.

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2008-2010 ELT School-Community Partnership Grants (Balfour Foundation)

SCHOOL	PARTNER	AWARD	DESCRIPTION
Chandler PK-6, Worcester	YMCA of Central MA	\$15,000	Expansion of health/fitness programming to include nutrition curriculum for grades 3-6, with a family/teacher engagement component
Edwards Middle School, Boston	Citizen Schools	\$20,000	Expansion of academic enrichment and support services to entire 6 th grade and deepening of school-partner collaboration
Ferryway K-8, Malden	YWCA of Malden	\$15,000	New mentoring program for a targeted group of 7 th graders to support Math achievement and self-confidence
Fletcher-Maynard Academy K-8, Cambridge	Science Club for Girls	\$10,000	Expansion of hands-on science enrichment programming for 1st and 2 nd graders, and PD for FMA teachers and SCFG volunteers
Greenfield Middle School, Greenfield	Seeds of Solidarity and Greening Greenfield	\$15,000	New hands-on, intensive environmental science elective co-led by 2 partners and a GMS science teacher
Hiatt, Chandler, and City View PK-6, Worcester	Ecotarium	\$20,000	New hands-on earth/space science programming for all 4 th and 5 th graders at 3 ELT schools, and PD/curriculum support for Worcester teachers
Martin Luther King Jr. K-8, Cambridge	CitySprouts/Museum of Science/Actor's Shakespeare Project	\$20,000	Expansion of project-based enrichment for students in science and theater, and PD for teachers around project-based learning
Salemwood K-8, Malden	Young Audiences of MA	\$15,000	New multi-media arts programming for all 3 rd and 4 th grade classrooms, led by teaching-artists in collaboration with Salemwood teachers
Timilty Middle School, Boston	Squashbusters and City Year	\$10,000	Expansion of collaboration between two key partner programs and Timilty teachers
Umana Middle School Academy, Boston	Tenacity	\$20,000	Expansion of a new high school awareness initiative for 8 th graders, teachers, and families

Viveiros K-5, *Fall River*

Battleship Cove

\$15,000

New social studies/ELA enrichment programming for 5th graders and PD for Viveiros teachers