

Jennifer Becerra Wins Ohio STEM Classroom Grant

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Oct. 18, 2023) – Madison Elementary School will be awarded 2,500 to expand STEM learning projects through Ohio STEM Learning Network Classroom Grant Program, funded by Battelle. The school's grant is one of 233 issued this fall to create sustainable, STEM learning projects.

The project, Battle of the Bands, Sound Tsunami.

In total, 161 public schools join Madison Elementary School in winning the award. The program reached students in one of every seven school districts (130) across 60 Ohio counties.

"Every student should have access to the kind of quality STEM education that drives opportunity for families and leads to new jobs in their local communities" said Kelly Gaier Evans, Director of the Ohio STEM Learning Network. "This program connects champions of STEM in local communities to a broad and deep network of STEM schools, STEM resources, and peer-educators."

The <u>grant program</u> fosters the growth of the Ohio STEM Learning Network as a public-private partnership between Battelle and the State of Ohio. Ensuring all students develop the skills to be successful in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields is Battelle's top philanthropic priority.

"Battelle is proud to invest in expanding the reach of the Ohio STEM Learning Network, the state's primary vehicle for advancing STEM across Ohio," said Wes Hall, Vice President of Philanthropy & Education. "These grants empower educators in all corners of the state to shape the next generation of solvers."

Awarded classrooms will receive grants of as much as \$5,000.

Educators interested in future awards for the program or other supports for STEM education from the Ohio STEM Learning Network can <u>sign up here</u>. A complete list of awarded schools is available at this <u>link</u>.

About the Ohio STEM Learning Network

The Ohio STEM Learning Network is committed to helping the State of Ohio inspire and train the next generation of innovative leaders. The network operates as a public-private partnership between the Ohio Department of Education and Battelle.

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