



Zionsville Education Foundation 2023 Imagine Professional Development Grants

Kylie Staples – Zionsville West Middle School (\$1,397.66)

Enhancing Multilingual and Multicultural Education for Cultural Understanding

Enables attendance at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) Conference will give Ms. Staples an opportunity to learn new, research-based teaching techniques for her Spanish classes. It provides the chance to visit more than 500 educational sessions and participate in hands-on learning environments that will provide tangible resources and ready-to-use techniques that will help her build content knowledge and learn new strategies.

Jim Crismore, Megan Grady, Ashley Murray, and David Schurger – Zionsville Middle, Zionsville West, and Zionsville Community High Schools (\$3,000)

Ohio State University String Teacher Workshop

Supports the further education of the string department across the Zionsville Community Schools. The Ohio State University String Teacher Workshop brings together professionals from around the country to teach and collaborate on new string pedagogy, repertoire, and best classroom practices.

William Doublestein – Boone Meadow Elementary (\$1,850)

Playing Our Orff Instruments for All They're Worth!

Enables attendance at the American Orff Schulwerk Association's 2023 Professional Development Conference. Mr. Doublestein will further his understanding of the Orff Schulwerk philosophy of music education, gain new ideas on how to make the most of Boone Meadow's set of Orff instruments (purchased through a 2017 ZEF Classroom Grant), and help his students deepen their love of music.

Ashley Boutillier, Allison Tripolitis, and Danielle Wilson – Zionsville Community High School (\$1,444 each)

Attending and Presenting at the 2023 National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference

Provides funding for attendance at the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) conference will help these educators and their colleagues create student-centered learning environments to prepare students for rigorous and independent learning. They will learn new instructional methods to engage students, network with colleagues from across the country, and possibly present a session on Project Based Learning in the U.S. History classroom.

Erin Manifold and Maggie Smith – Zionsville Middle School (\$932)

Building Thinking Classrooms

Affords an opportunity for these educators to continue their growth towards becoming mathematical leaders by learning more about Peter Liljedahl's Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics, 14 Practices for Enhancing Learning. This conference will help build their repertoire of best mathematical practices and pedagogical knowledge and provide the chance to connect with peers from across the state.

Rebecca Hampton and Emily Zucker – Pleasant View Elementary and Union Elementary Schools (\$2,818.52)

“Viva!” – Musical Professional Development and Renewal in the Desert

Provides the opportunity to attend the American Orff Schulwerk Association’s 2023 Professional Development Conference for two ZCS Music educators. Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Zucker will extend their knowledge of the Orff Schulwerk method of teaching music by attending professional development workshops that relate to the Schulwerk teaching pedagogy and style, experience performances from high-quality performance groups, and collaborate, network, and connect musically with colleagues from around the country and the world.

Total Awarded: \$14,330.18