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**ESCAMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
AWARDS GRANTS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Pensacola, Florida – The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation awarded Grants for Excellence totaling \$90,498.83 to 20 Escambia County public schools at a reception at the Pensacola Yacht Club recently.

“The purpose of the Foundation’s Grants for Excellence Program is to promote collaboration across grade levels between teachers, principals and the schools’ leadership teams,” said Denise Rosenblum, chair of the Grants for Excellence Committee. “These innovative classroom grants are unique projects designed by teachers to make a meaningful impact in the areas of STEM and Literacy,” she said.

The 20 grants range from \$2,375 to \$5,000 each and will impact 10,344 students and 490 teachers at the following schools: A.K. Suter Elementary, Ensley Elementary, Escambia High, Ferry Pass Elementary, Ferry Pass Middle, Hellen Caro Elementary, Holm Elementary, Jim C. Bailey Middle, Longleaf Elementary, Myrtle Grove Elementary, N. B. Cook Elementary, Northview High, Oakcrest Elementary, R.C. Lipscomb Elementary, Roy Hyatt Environmental Center, Sherwood Elementary, Tate High, Washington High Marine Science Academy, West Florida High, and Workman Middle.

The Foundation’s Grants for Excellence program encourages classroom projects that actively engage students in exciting hands-on learning experiences. The Foundation secures dollar-for-dollar matching funds for the Grants for Excellence program from the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations through the Florida Legislature’s School District Education Foundation Matching Grants Program.

Escambia County Public Schools Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) direct support organization of the Escambia County School District celebrating 30 years of investing in our children’s future through scholarships, classroom Grants for Excellence and recognition of outstanding Escambia County teachers and student achievement. Since 1986, the Foundation has successfully raised over \$9.5 million dollars to enrich education.

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