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SOUTH DAKOTA TEACHERS RECEIVE \$25,000 IN GRANTS FROM QWEST FOUNDATION

Qwest Foundation and South Dakota Department of Education announce Teachers and Technology Program Winners

SIoux FALLS, SD., February 15, 2011 –The Qwest Foundation and the South Dakota Department of Education today announced the winners of the 2011 Teachers and Technology grant program. Ten teachers were selected as winners and will be awarded \$2,500 to implement new technologies in their classroom.

"The Qwest Foundation is proud to recognize the hard work of these outstanding teachers," said Max Phillips, Qwest South Dakota President. "We know the grant funds will allow them to create technologically advanced learning environments for South Dakota students."

Qwest Foundation Teachers and Technology grant program rewards South Dakota kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers who propose new ways to apply technology in their classrooms to improve student performance.

"South Dakota has long been considered a leader when it comes to technology in the classroom," said Interim Secretary of Education Melody Schopp. "This program gives teachers a chance to take their creativity, couple it with technology and improve student learning experiences. We're pleased to be a part of it."

The 2011 Qwest Foundation Teachers and Technology grant winners are:

- Charlene Bentaas, Garfield Elementary in Sioux Falls. "Hooked Up Readers Project" using iPods to improve reading.
- Julie Dilts, Wagner Community School. "Using iPad Technology to Increase Learning in Toddlers and Youth Project."
- Kersten Dobberpul and Heather Stegemann, Lowell Elementary. "Click, Capture, Create!" Project using Digital Cameras to Capture Daily Learning and Foster Collaboration Between Classrooms and Parents.
- Cindy Heyden, Harvey Dunn Elementary. "Getting Smarter with Smart Slate and Smart Bracelets Project" Creating Innovative and Interactive 4th grade Classrooms.

- Stephanie Jones, Rosa Parks Elementary. “iCan with iPods” to Improve Student Engagement and Achievement in Reading, Math and Science.
- Dan Klumper, Brandon Valley Middle School. “Putting the Social in Social Studies” using Netbooks to Collaborate with Students Around the World.
- Pat Moller and Laura Shumaker, Mitchell Middle School. “Using the 2Know Student Reponse System Increase Student Learning and Enthusiasm.”
- Teresa Purtell, Harvey Dunn School. “There’s an App For That!” Project to Create an iPad Literacy Center.
- Janie Rook, Madison Central. “Adapting Curriculum for Students with Cognitive Disabilities using Boardmaker Technology.”
- Laura Snow, Georgia Morse Middle School. “Creating and Composing with Music Technology Project.”

The grants are being presented to the recipients in their schools over the next few weeks.

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About the Qwest Foundation:

The Qwest Foundation's core principle is that investing in people and communities provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre-K through grade 12 education.

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