

Foundation for Belmont Education
Special Initiative and Innovative Professional Development Grants
Approved May 2017

Special Initiative Award Approved for FY2017

Belmont High School	BHS Auditorium Pianos	to partially fund the purchase of two new concert pianos for the BHS auditorium	\$ 2,500
<i>Special Initiative Award (FY17)</i>			\$ 2,500

Special Initiative Awards Approved for FY2018

System-wide	Achievement Gap Professional Learning	to provide professional learning for all Belmont educators to learn about race, our students' experience, and how we can improve the experience for our African-American/Black students to create the optimal climate to support their learning	\$ 21,980
System-wide	Social Emotional Learning, 2017-18 (year 3)	to continue training in the knowledge and practices of SEL, including instruction in facilitation skills for SEL steering committee members, and a workshop series, which will be led by the SEL consultant	\$16,600
System-wide	Studying Skillful Teaching, 2017-2018	to offer a course for 25 teachers in June 2018 on the research-based best practices in all aspects of teaching and learning for Professional Development	\$15,375
<i>Special Initiative Awards (FY18)</i>			\$53,955

Innovative Teaching Initiative Professional Development Approved for FY2018

Applicant	Target School	Award Title	Grant Purpose	Amount
Elizabeth Baker	Belmont High School	Curriculum Development for 3D Printer Inclusion	to incorporate the new NVBots 3D printer into the curricula for Computer-Aided Design and Electronics and Intro to Programming	\$1,600
Deborah McDevitt	Belmont High School	News Literacy	to create a curriculum to build student critical thinking skills around appropriately accessing and analyzing media in the digital age, with a view to incorporating these skills into research and historical study throughout the rest of high school and beyond	\$1,800
Jessica DeFrances	Elementary	Math for Teachers: Online Course with Jo Boaler	to provide 35 elementary teachers, special educators, specialists, and administrators with professional development in the area of mathematics	\$2,800
Elizabeth Baker	System-wide	Belmont attends the MAST Conference	to send Belmont Science and Technology teachers to the state's annual Science Teacher (MAST) conference to be inspired and bring back new ideas to the district as we design curriculum to support the 2016 Standards, particularly focusing on Science and Engineering Practices	\$750

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Elizabeth Baker	Belmont High School	Professional Development on the Science and Engineering Practices for BHS	to further the BHS Science department in aligning with the 2016 Massachusetts STE Curriculum Frameworks by more actively engaging students with the Science and Engineering Practices in every course	\$750
Danielle Betancourt	Butler School	Professional Development for Third Grade Google Classrooms & Digital Literacy	to provide innovative professional development to Butler's third grade teachers and specialists to increase their skills and capacity to effectively support students to use Chromebooks for creative and collaborative learning	\$1,800
Amy Spangler	Wellington School	Sara Ward Executive Function Training	to build awareness and expertise among Wellington staff and parents regarding executive functioning	\$3,150
Lindsey Rinder	Chenery Middle School	Analyzing and Creating Digital Media	to build the ability of 6th and 7th grade Chenery students to analyze and, centrally, create digital media to present information and share their own stories	\$2,970
Jaynene Dellitt-Young	All Elementary	Units of Study for Teaching Reading Implementation	to provide additional Units of Study for Teaching Reading kits to all 2nd grade teachers, as well as the time to collaborate and plan instruction during the summer months, and to purchase additional kits for other grade level teams to support study groups during the 2017-2018 school year	\$13,325
Elizabeth Baker	Chenery Middle School	Teacher Teaching Teachers Geology	to utilize teacher expertise to share content knowledge with other grade levels preparing to teach geology under the new Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework	\$2,740
Danielle Betancourt	Butler School	Fostering a Culturally Responsive Community for Learning	to help the Butler School continue to develop into a culturally responsive community that effectively supports and challenges all of learners	\$2,821

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Elizabeth Baker	Belmont High School	Neurobiology Curriculum Writing	to modify the existing Neurobiology curriculum to include more Science and Engineering Practices and opportunities for collaborative learning	\$2,400
Lindsey Rinder	Belmont High School	Senior Capstone Project	to reinvent the senior thesis for a new generation of learners in order to increase student choice and voice	\$2,720
Colleen Foley	System-Wide (BHS & Chenery)	Incorporating Innovative Teaching Practices in the Foreign Languages	to provide foreign language teachers with work time to develop lessons, learning activities, and assessments incorporating innovative teaching practices acquired during FBE funded workshops so that students will be able to further develop their abilities to communicate in the target language	\$3,800
Steve Mazzola	Belmont High School	Belmont High School Instructional Technology Team	to form an energetic team of up to fifteen teachers at Belmont High School who will collaborate to support the successful integration of technological resources to promote student learning	\$9,895
Lindsey Rinder	Chenery Middle School	A Differentiated Non-Fiction Reading and Media Literacy Curriculum	to strengthen middle school students' ability to analyze media and detect "fake news," as well as improve the 6th grade non-fiction reading class by adding opportunities for challenge and extension	\$3,429
			<i>ITI Special Initiative Professional Development Awards (FY18)</i>	\$56,750
			<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	\$113,205