

Curriculum Enrichment Grants Spring 2023 Cycle

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Applicant Information

Applicant

First Name

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MCCSC school or building where you work.

Unionville

Position / Title - if you are an MCCSC student you must have a sponsoring MCCSC teacher.

Classroom Teacher

Grade level you teach or work with.

[REDACTED]

Student applicant please include name and school of your sponsoring teacher. If not a student list N/A.

Unionville Elementary School

Phone number or extension

extension: [REDACTED]

Project Partners/Other Persons Involved in Program

All K-6 Classrooms in our building

Program/Project Information

Project Content

Title of Project

Can you hear that?

In 3-6 sentences succinctly summarize your project. This is used by grant reviewers and will be used in FMCCS print materials.

MCCSC has done an amazing job of providing modern technology to teachers and students. As a STEM certified school, Unionville integrates technology in the classroom daily. While students have thier own device and teachers have ipads/macbooks, classrooms are lacking one basic neccessity, quailty speakers. Quality speakers have never been provided to our classrooms and teachers have been forced to use plug-in speakers from 10 years ago. These speakers are poor quality and hinder the listening experience for students.

# of Students Impacted annually/one time	About 220
Who will your project serve? (target population)	All students at Unionville Elementary
Investment Priority -	
If you are requesting STEM funding less than \$1000 please use the Science & Environmental grant application.	Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)
Total Budget Amount - note this may be greater than your proposal request	\$1190
Amount of Funding Requested Range \$250 - \$5000	1190.00
Detail your project, need, and how funds will be used to impact educational opportunities for students. Include specifics such as school development plans, grade level educational standards and/or research based information your project will help achieve. Please do not upload or provide links to lengthy research or documents. We want your words, thoughts, and ideas. If you need additional space you may consider weaving it into your goals and measurements.	

Today's teachers face many hurdles in the classroom from keeping students engaged, interested, and encouraging participation. We call these invisible barriers to learning in the classroom. Developing tactics to overcome these barriers is something that every educator strives for. One such tactic that has been gaining popularity over the last decade has been the use of audiobooks and podcasts to reinforce the lesson plan. This can often be difficult at Unionville as our school lacks the appropriate speakers to use these tools in the classroom. This project would provide a 10 classroom teachers at Unionville Elementary School with a wireless speaker that is capable of producing high quality sound. This system would help teachers overcome poor classroom acoustics and high ambient noise levels. It will ensure that every student in the classroom, even those in the back, can hear adequately. MCCSC has done an amazing job of providing teachers and students with top notch technology but they have forgotten one of the most basic necessities. The addition of these small Bluetooth speakers will help teachers better use the new and innovative modern media in the classroom. These Bluetooth speakers will further maximize student engagement by enabling wireless audio streaming of instructional content. Teachers will have the ability to wirelessly stream audio for the entire class to hear. Audio reinforcement technology is essential because media audio is frequently part of instructional content and needs to be heard just as clearly as the teacher and student voices.

Unionville is a STEM certified school with a curriculum focused on EARTH. We have multiple outdoor learning spaces that we use daily. As you can imagine, having students all gather around 1 audio source (typically the built in speaker of the Mac) is not an ideal means to delivering content. Since the connection is wireless and does not require line of sight to maintain the signal, teachers are able to effortlessly move throughout the learning environment. The addition of these wireless speakers would allow the educators at Unionville to better use the technology we have been provided in the outdoor spaces that we are so proud of and have built a curriculum around.

Other schools, more modern schools, our district have built in speaker systems. Any high school weight room has top of the line speakers used to blast athletes favorite tunes. Unionville does not have the capacity or luxury of such speakers. The addition of these small, wireless, Bluetooth speakers would help maintain equity in our district.

By allowing each classroom teacher to have a wireless speaker, you are impacting a most 220 students this year alone. These speakers will last far beyond one year and will ultimately impact thousands of current and future students. Thank you for considering our project "Can you hear that". We appreciate your consideration and would be honored to receive this grant.

Define the expected outcomes and goals of this project.

Each classroom would receive a wireless Bluetooth speaker that produces high quality sound that can be heard throughout the classroom. More importantly, the addition of bluetooth wireless speakers would allow the educators at Unionville to use the technology that MCCSC has provided in the outdoor learning spaces that make our school unique. Teachers can control audio levels, pause or play, even select new media all while moving throughout the learning environment. We also believe that the addition of the speakers will help us maximize student engagement.

How will you measure your goals and success of this project? Please use quantitative data and measurement tools you will use to define student improvement, value, and results of this grant. Example: 30 students will be engaged in our environment by observing wildlife in its natural habitat. They will learn the names of local birds and write about them in creative stories.

The addition of these Bluetooth speakers will enable 10 classroom teachers the flexibility to move around the classroom while streaming media. MCCSC is moving away from desktop computers in order to incorporate a flexible workspace. The workspace is not flexible when you are attached to "old school" or wired computer speakers. We will measure the success of the speakers in the classroom through student engagement and the flexibility of teacher workstations. We expect that all (around 220) students will have better engagement as teachers are able to move throughout the learning environment while streaming media. This will help boost engagement and learning in all academic areas.

Define the timeline for implementing and accomplishing your stated outcomes. Include in your timeline if your project investment is sustainable and will be used for students beyond the year of implementation.

The addition of bluetooth speakers would be very quick and easy. As soon as the grant was funded we would be able to order the speakers. They would be easily integrated into the classrooms with our existing technology. These speakers are waterproof and durable. They would last for many years to come, allowing this to benefit thousands of current and future students.

Please upload any additional information that may help define your project, specific goals, or objectives.

Grant Budget

Upload budget file.

Can you hear that budget.xlsx

If your budget is different from amount requested please explain.

Have other funding options been explored?	Yes
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List any other sources of funding for this project. Indicate if sources are secure or potential.

To what extent is the project achievable if you were to receive less than the full amount requested?

I have spoke with our PTO to see if funding was available for this. We have a tight budget this year as we have not been able to do some of our big fundraisers (school carnival) since Covid. They could potentially help out if the full amout requested is not granted but have advised me to try the grant process first.

Grant Approvals

Building Representative Approval

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Principal Approval

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Submission

Electronic Signature / Approval

By typing my name, I confirm that I have written this grant and if funded agree to implement in my school or classroom during this school year. You must click submit for grant submission to be finalized.

