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EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANT FROM CONOCOPHILLIPS TO SUPPORT LITERACY IN ECISD

(Odessa, TX.) The Education Foundation of Odessa is excited to announce that they are the recipients of a grant from **ConocoPhillips** in the amount of **\$6,000** in support of the Bookworms Literacy Program in Ector County ISD.

The Bookworms Literacy Program is designed to help increase literacy and foster a life-long love of reading. Each month students will read along to a story in class and then receive a book to take home to keep in an effort to promote at-home family reading. The primary objective of this program is to reinforce at home what the student has learned about books and reading in school. For the 2021-2022 school year, more than 6,700 students in grades PK-1st grade benefited from this program.

About Education Foundation of Odessa

The Education Foundation of Odessa is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization of citizens who share a vision of enhancing education in ECISD. The Education Foundation of Odessa provides a new and innovative source of funding to support the school district's educational plan. The Foundation does not attempt to replace lost state funding, nor does it attempt to take the place of the district's operating budget. When considering the level of funding required to educate students, the Foundation can expect only to provide funds for those projects and activities that go beyond the normal classroom experience. Such initiatives provide enrichment, research opportunities, teacher training, intervention and prevention strategies and extend the educational effort.

The mission of the Education Foundation is to create opportunities for education in Ector County ISD. Our vision is that every student in ECISD will be school-ready, college-ready, work-ready... WORLD-READY!

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