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EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$175,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT FINE ARTS IN ECTOR COUNTY ISD

(Odessa, TX.) The Education Foundation of Odessa is excited to announce that they are the recipients of a grant from the **FMH Foundation** in the amount of **\$175,000** that will help support the growth of the 5th Grade Strings Program in ECISD and assist in the Permian High School Auditorium Revamp that is currently underway.

The Permian Basin has a rich history of excellent Fine Arts programs and ECISD continually seeks to invest in projects that enrich the lives of the students in the Permian Basin and foster creativity and self-expression. These funds will support the new 5th Grade Strings program in ECISD, providing new instruments to the program that will allow the district to increase the number of students participating. This grant will also assist with the continued renovations to the Permian High School Auditorium, specifically with the Sound & Light Booth that supports students from multiple campuses across ECISD and hosts several events for UIL Music Region VI. The FMH generously funded a new sound system in this auditorium through a previous grant to the Education Foundation and this new, handicap accessible booth will ensure that equipment stays protected for years to come.

“The ECISD Fine Arts Department is incredibly grateful to the FMH Foundation and the Education Foundation for their continued generosity to both our ECISD students and the Permian Basin community. This grant will allow students across the district to access the new 5th Grade Strings program and will greatly improve the production capacity at the Permian HS Auditorium.” - Dr. Aaron Hawley, Director of Fine Arts ECISD.

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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