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### Education Foundation Announces Successful Innovation Awards and Grants Recipients

As part of continued efforts to assist teachers in creating innovative learning environments and inspiring innovative approaches to teaching, the Newfoundland and Labrador Education Foundation Inc. has announced the successful recipients of the **NL Educator's Innovation Awards and Grants Programs for 2015-16**.

“The adjudicating committee was impressed with the caliber of submissions and had the difficult job of scoring these exceptional projects,” said George Sheppard, Trustee and Chair of the Education Foundation. “These submissions were truly inspired and ranged in ideas, from the exploration of onsite gardening and scientific education to building online resources to enhance inclusion in the classroom.”

Successful **NL Educator's Innovation Award** winners will receive \$2,500 to assist in the project's ongoing efforts and help further the work underway at the school, with the recipient also committing to providing fellow teachers with a professional learning session.

Those successful in receiving an **NL Educator's Innovation Grant** will also receive a \$2,500 award to assist in starting or growing their fledgling innovation and implementing it in their school. In addition to also committing to provide fellow teachers with a professional learning session, all Grants recipients will collaborate on an information paper to provide sound, evidence-based recommendations for innovation in education.

“In the inaugural year of the program, the Foundation received a total of 19 applications from across the province in each of the Awards and Grants categories,” said Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District. “The NL Educator's Innovation Awards are focused on recognizing work currently underway within District schools, while the NL Educator's Innovation Grants seek to assist eligible teachers explore avenues of interest for innovation in education.”

More information on the successful projects can be found in the background below, with a project synopsis available on the Foundation's website – <https://www.nlesd.ca/foundation/>.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Education Foundation, Inc. is a registered, charitable organization committed to enhancing the education experience of students in the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District. Funding for projects such as the Provincial Scholarships Program and the Innovation Awards and Grants Program come from Foundation fundraising initiatives such as staff 50/50 raffles and donations. The Foundation's mission is to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District through innovative community partnerships.

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### BACKGROUNDER Awards and Grants Recipients

#### NL Innovative Educator's Awards Recipients

- ✓ Goulds Elementary (*Expanding Approaches in a Pervasive Needs Space* – Jaime Snow-Parsons)
- ✓ Holy Cross School (*Re-igniting the Spark: Transforming a Kindergarten Space* – Cathy Baker)
- ✓ Holy Trinity Elementary (*Learning Commons: A Transformation* – Leigh Borden)
- ✓ Humber Elementary (*Furthering Knowledge on Sustainability* – Sonya Dewling Salyzyn)
- ✓ Morris Academy (*STEM Sisters* – Lori Powell, Stephanie Collins and Angela Furlong-Kelly)
- ✓ Riverside Elementary (*Building Critical Thinking Skills Through Science and Technology* – Jamie Loveless & engineering club colleagues)
- ✓ St. Lawrence Academy (*STEM: Beyond the Classroom – Skilled Trades Opportunities for Women* – Elizabeth Cull)
- ✓ Smallwood Academy (*Learning Through Film Making* – Paula Ennis)
- ✓ Stephenville Primary (*Merging Literacy and Technology in a Kindergarten Classroom* - Colleen Ryan, Shauna Elliott, Lori-Ann Fry)
- ✓ Topsail Elementary (*Topsail Elementary STEM Learning Commons* - Amy Pennell)

#### NL Innovative Educator's Grants Winners

- ✓ Beachy Cove Elementary (*Flexible Classrooms Across a Grade 1 Environment* – Meghan Lindsay)
- ✓ Crescent Collegiate (*Accessibility and Organization Amongst Differentiated Learners* – David Brothen)
- ✓ Gander Academy (*Supporting Independent Learning & Peer-to-Peer Collaboration* – Brian Kennedy)
- ✓ Leary's Brook Junior High (*Maximizing Practice: Music Enhancement Proposal* – Sarah Comerford)
- ✓ Menihek High (*IRT Outreach Through Technology* – Peter McCormack)
- ✓ Prince of Wales Collegiate (*Levelling the High School ELA Learning Field* – Alison Edwards)
- ✓ Queen Elizabeth High (*A Cross-Curricular and Collaborative Google Classroom* – Devin Baxendale)
- ✓ St. Augustine's Elementary (*Google Chromebooks: Gradual Release of Responsibility* – Andrea Clarke)
- ✓ St. Edward's Elementary (*iBook Development in Music* – Susanne O'Keefe)
- ✓ St. Michael's Regional High (*The Greenhouse Project* – Brad Jones)

