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# Donor funds Southington school programs

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SOUTHINGTON — A donor who wished to remain anonymous is helping to fund three school programs through the Southington Education Foundation. The funds, which total \$10,000, were awarded at the Board of Education meeting Thursday. The donor chose which programs would get funded.

The largest grant is for an advanced math program at Southington High School. The \$5,000 will be used to buy TI-Nspire interactive calculators and a SMART board for two of Robert Lasbury's math classes. The equipment will allow students and teachers to interact wirelessly. Teachers will be able to analyze, store and access the students' works and display it on the board. The two courses that will use it are an advanced placement stats course and a precalculus class, but eventually it could benefit up to 200 students.

Kennedy Middle School's music department will get \$2,500 to grow a jazz program. The donor was quoted as telling the foundation the money is "in recognition of the outstanding work by Mr. Timothy Johnson, who has excited the imaginations and developed the talents of countless young musicians." The funds will be used for recording equipment and a sound board so students can learn to make audio recordings and master them into CDs.

"The donor couldn't say enough about the band and the students it inspired," said George Costanzo of the foundation.

The other \$2,500 will be used for the Manufacturing and Construction Career Advisory Board at the high school. This board helps students learn about these trades and enter those fields after high school through job opportunities and internships

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