

## News Release

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### Partnerships share \$1.9 million to improve mathematics and science instruction

MADISON — Funding that will help teachers deepen their content knowledge in mathematics and science and strengthen their classroom instruction of these subjects will go to four new partnerships in Wisconsin, benefitting 20 schools and nearly 200 teachers.

The new grants, through the federal Mathematics and Science Partnership program, will fund two mathematics partnerships, one science partnership, and one STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) project. The \$1.9 million Mathematics and Science Partnership grant allocation to Wisconsin also will fund a third year for three partnership projects that were approved in 2009. Those projects are in 19 public schools and two nonprofit organizations, involving about 150 teachers.

Educators involved in the partnerships may take college or university classes, participate in peer coaching and mentoring sessions, or meet with colleagues to develop lessons or evaluation techniques that will actively engage students. All participating teachers attend an institute that directly relates to mathematics and science curricula and have follow-up contact throughout the project to support their own academic content learning and classroom practice.

“Sustained staff development that helps teachers become better at teaching math, science, and other STEM subjects will improve student interest and success in these classes,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “These grants are based on the direct connection between teachers’ knowledge and skills and student academic achievement.”

To be eligible for the competitive grants, partnerships must be comprised of at least one high-needs school district and one college or university and cannot have an active Mathematics and Science Partnership grant in the same content area. A high-needs district has mathematics or science proficiency levels that are below 65 percent based on statewide test results. Additionally, the district must have: at least 10 percent of its students from families with income below federal poverty guidelines; have a Rural Education Achievement Program or meet local census codes for rural communities (6, 7, or 8); or have missed adequate yearly progress in mathematics based on 2008-09 state test score data. Partnerships also may include state education agencies; other public schools, including charter schools; businesses; and nonprofit or for-profit organizations concerned with mathematics or science education.

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**NOTE:** A list of Mathematics and Science Partnership awards follows. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2010\\_90.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2010_90.pdf).

# Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title II, Part B

## **New Two-Year Grants**

### **Beaver Dam Mathematics Partnership - \$271,920**

Beaver Dam School District  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

### **Madison Science Partnership - \$323,973**

Beloit School District  
Delavan-Darien School District  
Janesville School District  
Madison Metropolitan School District  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Whitewater School District

### **New Lisbon STEM Partnership - \$338,843**

Adams-Friendship Area School District  
Almond-Bancroft School District  
Auburndale School District  
Cambria-Friesland School District  
Fall River School District  
Lodi School District  
Montello School District  
Necedah Area School District  
New Lisbon School District  
University of Wisconsin-Platteville  
Wautoma Area School District  
Westfield School District  
Wisconsin Dells School District  
Wisconsin Rapids School District

### **West-Allis/West Milwaukee Mathematics Partnership - \$234,564**

West-Allis/West Milwaukee School District  
Marquette University, Milwaukee

## **Renewal Grants (Third Year)**

### **Milwaukee Mathematics Partnership - \$281,930**

Milwaukee Public Schools  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

### **Neenah Mathematics Partnership - \$143,044**

Clintonville School District  
Lomira School District  
Menasha School District  
Neenah School District  
New London School District  
North Fond du Lac School District  
Oneida Tribe of Indians-YES Program, Seymour  
Oshkosh Area School District  
Seymour Community School District  
Unified Catholic Schools of Oshkosh  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
Wild Rose School District

### **Sparta STEM Partnership - \$300,726**

Bangor School District  
Black River Falls School District  
Cashton School District  
La Farge School District  
Mauston School District  
Melrose-Mindoro School District  
Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District  
Royall School District  
Sparta Area School District  
University of Wisconsin-Stout