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WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA AWARDS FUNDS TO ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR MATH AND SCIENCE LABS

ORLANDO, FL ...WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) presented four Orange County schools with Math and Science Lab Grants at a recent Orange County School Board meeting on Tuesday, February 26. Three winners each received \$15,000 and included Pineloch Elementary, Howard Middle and Cypress Creek High. Runner-up Wolf Lake Middle received \$2,500. The awards were part of a WCF initiative to fund math and science labs in public schools of low socioeconomic areas.

WCF also named winners for a second set of awards, Club Sponsorships, which were provided to elementary, middle and high schools to increase the number of schools participating in Central Florida math and science clubs such as Science Olympiad, FIRST Robotics/Legos, SECME, and school-based math and science clubs. These awards were presented to: Durrance Elementary, Castle Creek Elementary, Chickasaw Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Princeton Elementary, Waterford Elementary, Rosemont Elementary, Dream Lake Elementary, Dillard Street Elementary, Spring Lake Elementary, Blankner Middle, Bridgewater Middle, Ocoee Middle, Oak Ridge High, Edgewater High, Ocoee High and Colonial High,.

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA's goals for the Math and Science Lab Grants and Club Sponsorships include: impacting math and science learning to the greatest number of students in the majority of grades represented at a school; providing funds to schools and/or teachers that will make their science and math teaching rigorous and relevant to students through the use of supplies; leveling the resources among all schools, so schools have equal amounts of supplies, thereby allowing every child the opportunity to be exposed to high quality math and science teaching through labs; and providing support to schools that serve students from a low socioeconomic demographic in order to enhance the math and science instruction.

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WCF will also award Math and Science Lab Grants and Club Sponsorships to public schools in, Osceola, Seminole, and Lake Counties.

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WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA's Chairman of the Board Lena Wasserman (right) presents Math and Science Lab Grants to Orange County Public Schools Superintendent Ron Blocker (second from right), School Board Chairman Karen Ardaman (fourth from right), and Orange County Public Schools representatives. The awards were part of a WCF initiative to fund math and science labs in public schools of low socioeconomic areas.