

School Reopening Grants Program Round 1 Winners

Wellness Support Initiative - Burton Elementary School - \$3,000

The Wellness Team and Student Support Team at Burton are teaming up to create social emotional support opportunities to support teachers and students returning to the building. Funds will be used for a rolling beverage cart and snack car for teachers, break pods, wellness challenges, and incentives for students.

Flexible, Safe Seating for Upper Elementary Students - Club Blvd Elementary School - \$10,000

Club Blvd will be using funds to purchase individual classroom desks for grades 3-5 in order to meet both immediate critical safety needs as well as long term needs for the school. This team identified a desk model that will replace outdated and damaged furniture with desks that allow for social distancing. The desks can also be configured as grouped desks, thus maintaining the possibility of collaborative, engaged learning spaces when they are finally able to resume previous learning arrangements.

Hybrid Learning PD - Durham School of the Arts - \$1,500

Funds for this project will support three hours of coaching for the English department at DSA with Dr. Tucker, who has decades of experience in blended learning that has helped shape DSA's approach to synchronous and asynchronous learning. This will enable the school to access targeted professional learning support that considers the unique circumstances of hybrid learning at the school. The team plans to offer sessions with colleagues to share learning. Additionally, their Teaching and Learning Coach will attend the PD sessions to ensure that she can disseminate knowledge to other departments.

Equitably Connecting In-Person and Virtual Students at DSA - Durham School of the Arts - \$4,000

These funds will provide headphones with microphones to allow students in three separate cohorts to communicate and feel connected to one another, giving social-emotional support for students. The technology allows teachers to confidently feel they can reach all their students at the same time without the chaos that can be caused by lag, feedback, and the competition of in-person voices over virtual voices on speakers. Headphones provide equitable relief for families who cannot afford headphones with microphones for their students.

Easley Eagles in Nature - Easley Elementary School - \$6,200

Outdoor learning environment--Easley will be providing more options for students to enjoy the flexible outdoor spaces for learning, lunching, and enrichment. They will be creating various outdoor spaces with picnic tables, umbrellas, and accessible furniture for all of their students.

Expanding Outdoor Learning - Eno Valley Elementary School - \$7,000

Outdoor learning environment--Eno Valley is accelerating plans to become a model outdoor learning school. They will be using funds to purchase Picnic Tables for Outdoor Seating, and other more flexible outdoor seating options such as Kneeling Pads and Indoor/Outdoor Stack Stools and soft seating for concrete surfaces. Additionally, the learning spaces will double as outdoor lunch areas.

Clean Air in Classrooms - Eno Valley Elementary School - \$2,500

Eno Valley will be using funds to purchase air purifiers for each of their general education classes containing students that opted for in-person learning.

Building Outdoor Learning Spaces - Fayetteville Street Elementary School - \$19,540

Outdoor learning environment--Fayetteville Street will use funds for outdoor seating equipment and outdoor classroom kits in order to both improve academic outcomes for students as well as boost the social, emotional, mental and physical well being of the entire school community. They will be purchasing items such as picnic tables, benches, dry erase boards, markers, and portable whiteboards.

Sprucing Up Outdoor Learning Spaces - Forest View Elementary School - \$4,999

Outdoor learning environment--funds will be used for landscaping outdoor learning areas so students can safely use the spaces, as well as purchasing and placing picnic tables in as many areas as possible.

Safe Outdoor Learning Environments at Watts - George Watts Montessori Elementary School - \$4,500

Outdoor learning environment--funds will be used for picnic tables, benches, canopy accessories, and other flexible outdoor seating needs.

Advancing Safety, Wellness, and Refreshing Mindfulness (SWARM) at Hillside - Hillside High School - \$5,000

This project will support the purchase of air purifiers and social-emotional wellness opportunities for teachers.

Outdoor Learning - Hope Valley Elementary School - \$4,500

Outdoor learning environment--In an effort to help with the COVID-19 distancing recommendations for back to in-person learning, Hope Valley Elementary will be implementing outdoor learning spaces (2) to be used by classrooms at a time. Funds will be used for outdoor tents and anchors.

Engaging Students & Teachers Outdoors at the Hub Farm - Hub Farm - \$14,500

Outdoor learning environment--The Hub Farm will be providing direct environmental education on their 30 acre outdoor learning campus, building capacity for outdoor learning across the district, and welcoming the larger DPS community to learn outdoors with them. Eno Valley, Northern, and Carrington will have access to Hub Farm facilities and programming. Funds will be used for fans, tents, program supplies, stipends for experts, camp go bags, and other related programming needs.

Tools for a successful reopening of Jordan HS - Jordan High School - \$5,000

Outdoor learning environment--This project will provide outdoor learning items such as picnic tables, tents, and water filling stations.

Versatile Classroom - Lakewood Elementary School - \$7,000

Outdoor learning environment--Funds for rolling whiteboards and portable lap desks will enhance outdoor learning at Lakewood Elementary.

Outdoor Learning at LMMS - Lakewood Montessori Middle School - \$5,000

Outdoor learning environment--Funds will be used for purchasing chairs and outdoor shade and seating.

Lift Every Voice and Teach - Little River K-8 School - \$840

This team will use funds to purchase wireless microphones for school staff. Microphones have the ability to project teachers' voices so there will be less strain during class instruction.

Out Door Learning Environment - Little River K-8 School - \$4,000

Outdoor learning environment--Little River plans to use funds to purchase gardening tools, interactive learning materials (music walls, sensory walk, etc.), herbs, soil, and wind catchers for engaging students outdoors.

Bringing our Students Back! Hybrid Materials, Resources and Support - Lowe's Grove Magnet Middle School - \$1,500

Funds will be used for air purifiers and PPE.

Outdoor Learning Augmentation and Kits - Lucas Middle School - \$4,800

Outdoor learning environment--Lucas will be enhancing outdoor instruction by purchasing picnic tables, outdoor learning kits, and shade sails.

Protect the Merrick-Moore Tigers - Merrick-Moore Elementary School - \$20,000

Funds will be used for a variety of needs: picnic tables, benches, desk shields, floor cushions, whiteboards, shade canopies, go bag materials, and other items related to improving outdoor and indoor learning conditions.

Enhancing outdoor learning with additional picnic table seating - Morehead Montessori Elementary School - \$5,000

Outdoor learning environment--Morehead Montessori will be purchasing heavy-duty metal picnic tables.

Outdoor Learning Space - Neal Middle School - \$5,000

Outdoor learning environment--Funds will be used for tents, wood convertible picnic tables/benches, mobile whiteboards, first aid kits, and other resources for outdoor learning.

CAST - Clean Air for Students and Teachers - Northern High School - \$6,000

These funds will support Northern's effort to purchase high quality air purifier units for the entire school.

Sensory Garden - Pearson Elementary School - \$3,500

Outdoor learning environment--Funds will support outdoor learning environments for students on the Autism Spectrum, such as: gardening tools, interactive music components, wind spinners, and an herb garden.

A Breath of Fresh Air for Re-opening - R.N. Harris Elementary School - \$2,700

Funds will be used for air purifiers and box fans for classrooms.

Outdoor Learning Spaces Project - Riverside High School - \$7,000

Outdoor learning environment--Riverside will be using funds for outdoor learning resources such as picnic tables and benches.

Outdoor Learning/Picnic Area - Sandy Ridge Elementary School - \$5,000

Outdoor learning environment--Sandy Ridge will be purchasing picnic tables for outdoor learning.

Outdoor learning space - WG Pearson Elementary School - \$2,400

Outdoor learning environment--this project will enhance outdoor learning by purchasing picnic tables and umbrellas for shade.