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MSD of Lawrence Township
EXCELLENCE
DESIGN CHALLENGE

INDIANAPOLIS - The MSD of Lawrence Township is pleased to recognize all finalists and to announce the winner of the 2018 Excellence Design Challenge, sponsored by the Lawrence Township School Foundation. The Design Challenge seeks to financially reward a teacher for an innovative idea that, if implemented, meaningfully impacts the organization through efficiency, effectiveness, and/or measurable improvements. The winning project was selected from four finalist submissions, all of which completed a comprehensive Research and Development phase outside of the contract day, and included a progress report to the administrative team mid-way through this phase.

The Research and Development Award of \$750 was presented to the following individuals:

Ms. Deena Fogle (Lawrence Central High School): ***Lawrence Language Leaders (L3)***

Mr. Douglas Price & Mr. Robert Cline (Oaklandon Elementary): ***After the Bell Homework Support***

Ms. Laura Getz (Oaklandon Elementary) & Ms. Tally Shanley (Indian Creek Elementary): ***The Final Straw: The Elimination of Straws & Plastic ware in LT cafeterias***

The MSD of Lawrence Township is pleased to announce that **Mr. Jeffrey Smith and Mrs. Tamara Markey** of McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology are the recipients of the second Excellence Design Challenge \$20,000 Grand Prize. This team's proposal, titled ***LT Mobile ILAB***, was identified by district leadership as best affecting efficiently, effectiveness, and improved outcomes. LT Mobile ILAB will be a mobile digital fabrication lab designed to deliver STEM discovery opportunities and transfer learning into making at each school in the district.

"I am proud to celebrate the innovation of both the Challenge Winners and Finalists, and am grateful to the Foundation for their role in bringing this program to fruition," shares superintendent, Dr. Shawn A. Smith. He adds, "Mr. Smith and Ms. Markey's proposal represents the innovative thinking taking

place throughout the district that supports both our *STEM for All* initiative as well as our Strategic Plan.”

Mr. Smith and Ms. Market are the joint recipients of a \$20,000 personal prize, and their project will be implemented during the 2018-2019 school year.



To learn more about the Design Challenge, visit www.LTschools/about/design-challenge.

About the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township:

The ninth largest and one of the fastest growing school district in the state, the MSD of Lawrence Township serves approximately 16,000 students across four Early Learning Centers, eleven Elementary Schools, two Middle Schools, two High Schools, a Center for Innovation and Technology, and an alternative setting high school. Lawrence Township strives to be the district of destination, a reputation built over the years based on the district’s award-winning staff, accomplished administrators, high-achieving students, supportive community, and innovative educational programs. Visit our website at www.LTschools.org.