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CORPORATE COMMUNITY JOINS THE MORRIS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TO SPONSOR SCIENCE DAYS

\$35,000 Grant Provides Day of Interactive STEM Programming at all Seven Morris School District Elementary Schools

Morristown, NJ (May 3, 2023) – To encourage students to get excited and involved with STEM at a young age, the Morris Educational Foundation (MEF) today announced it will continue to fund this spring's Elementary Science Days by providing a \$35,000 grant. The non-profit organization enhancing excellence in education in the Morris School District was able to fund this engaging day of learning in partnership with local corporate sponsors Lanca Sales, Longo Electrical-Mechanical Inc., WSP, Arxada and OLI Systems.

Once a school year on this highly-anticipated day, K-5 students are immersed in STEM activities and unique hands-on learning opportunities. Program providers come to the District's seven elementary schools with interactive STEM assemblies followed by grade-appropriate classroom activities. The MEF and its corporate sponsors are pleased to support this incredible initiative for our students because:

- Science Days impact all seven elementary schools and enhance the educational experience for over 2,125 students promoting teamwork and communication skills.
- Activities benefit the District's diverse student population, comprising 16% special education;
 22% with limited English proficiency; and 34% qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch.
- This critical programming provides students without access to these types of out-of-school time experiences and opportunity to explore.

"The Morris Educational Foundation is thrilled to support Elementary Science Days in the Morris School District with the help of our corporate sponsors," said Joelle Servais, Morris Educational Foundation Executive Director. "STEM education provides critical tools needed for all our students to be successful in their future endeavors, including problem-solving, developing leadership skills, and boosting creativity. We know these immersive days will help students imagine the possibilities and prepare them to be innovative thinkers with the potential to change the world."

To learn more about helping to provide these incredible experiences to our youngest students at the upcoming Science Days at the end of May, please contact Joelle Servais, Executive Director at Joelle@morrisedfoundation.org.

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About Morris Educational Foundation

The Morris Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to attract private resources to support a variety of educational programs and initiatives in support of the Morris School District. Through effective solicitation and distribution of funds, the Morris Educational Foundation helps enable the District to continue to be the model of visionary social and educational leadership it has been since its inception. For more information, visit www.morrisedfoundation.org.