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Baker County Education Foundation Receives AT&T Grant

Students at Baker County Pre-K/Kindergarten Center will benefit from a statewide investment by AT&T this year, one that seeks to increase understanding of how classroom curriculum translates into STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers.

To provide a critical link from classroom to careers, AT&T is once again working with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations (CFEF) to provide experiential learning opportunities for students in school districts across Florida. Real-world application of STEM education concepts, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills will all be key elements of the 45 separate projects to be organized and funded through CFEF member local education foundations, including the Baker County Education Foundation.

The Baker County Pre-K/Kindergarten Center has received an AT&T STEM Grant entitled Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits, OH MY! Growing A Kinder “GARDEN” with Hydroponics. This grant will help increase the education levels of pre-k and kindergarten students in science (integrated) through a hydroponic project (growing healthy food choices in soilless areas). Students will develop a general understanding of hydroponics including the integrated science concepts used to solve food production problems. They will develop an understanding of the need for healthy food choices. This grant will begin in January and end in May, 2019.

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The CFEF is the membership organization for Florida's school district-wide local education foundations. Established in 1987, the CFEF seeks to advance student achievement in Florida by increasing private sector investment and involvement in public education. The CFEF now has 64 member foundations with 1,100 business and community leaders serving as volunteer board members. Collectively, they raise more than \$64 million annually to support students, teachers and schools through a variety of programs. The CFEF has provided more than \$46 million to local education foundations since 2001 through various private- and public-sector partnerships, including the State of Florida School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program.