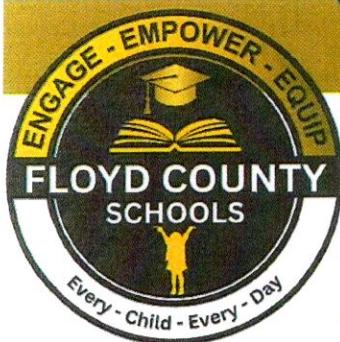


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Consent Agenda Item (Action Item): Approve the acceptance of an award for the Floyd County School of Innovation (FCSI) Samsung Solve for Tomorrow team.

Students from FCSI submitted a project to the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition and were selected to receive the Promising STEM Innovation award. This recognition includes a \$1,000 DonorsChoose Gift card/code.

The project sponsor, Kari Cornett, in collaboration with the student team, will submit a DonorsChoose project and apply the \$1,000 Samsung Gift Card/code toward the requested supplies.

Approval is requested from the Board of Education to accept this award and to authorize the use of DonorsChoose as the mechanism for receiving and expending these funds.

Applicable State or Regulations: KRS 160.160 Powers and Duties of the Local Board of Education

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: No impact to FCBOE. FCSI would receive \$1000 in supplies through DonorsChoose and Samsung.

History/Background: See the attached release for additional details regarding the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition and the Floyd County School of Innovation project. FCSI students developed the Eastern Kentucky Food Share App, an innovation solution designed to address food access needs within the region. This project was selected by Samsung as the recipient of the Promising STEM Innovation award.

While DonorsChoose is typically not utilized within the school system, this award is issued specifically through DonorsChoose. Therefore, approval is required from the Board of Education for a one-time exception to allow acceptance and use of the award funds through this platform.

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Date: 1-8-26

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Floyd County School of Innovation
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Eastern KY Food Share App Earns National Recognition as Promising STEM Innovation in Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition

[Martin, KY] — Students at the Floyd County School of Innovation (FCSI) are celebrating a major achievement as their project, the *Eastern KY Food Share App*, has been selected as a Promising STEM Innovation award recipient in the esteemed Samsung Solve for Tomorrow national STEM competition.

The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow program is a nationwide initiative that empowers students in grades 6–12 to apply science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills to real world challenges in their communities. Through this competition, innovative student teams from across the United States design solutions that address pressing local issues, transforming their ideas into impactful, technology driven projects.

The *Eastern KY Food Share App* was recognized in the Promising STEM Innovation category, an award tier that honors student led projects demonstrating strong potential in STEM innovation and community impact. This distinction places the team among hundreds of schools nationwide whose creative solutions have demonstrated outstanding promise.

"Our students took on one of the most fundamental issues facing our region — food waste and access — and turned it into an innovative solution," said Christina Crase, principal at FCSI. "This recognition validates their creativity, collaboration, and commitment to using STEM to make a real difference in Eastern Kentucky."

Designed to reduce food waste and strengthen food security in Eastern Kentucky, the *Eastern KY Food Share App* connects local donors with community members and organizations in need, creating a seamless platform for sharing surplus food resources.

In addition to national recognition, recipients of the Promising STEM Innovation award receive \$1,000 in prize funds from Samsung to support continued development of their STEM solution.

About Samsung Solve for Tomorrow

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is a national STEM competition that invites public middle and high school students to identify local issues and propose STEM-based solutions. Through a multi-tiered awards process, projects are recognized for their innovation, feasibility, and community impact — with opportunities to earn technology prizes and professional development resources.

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