

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: VII G **DATE:** March 30, 2026

TOPIC/TITLE: Approve Grants

PRESENTER: Administrators

ORIGIN:

- TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY
 - STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
 - BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
 - OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION
 - DATE:
 - ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per Board Policy, grant applications must be pre-approved.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

We are requesting Board Approval to apply for and accept if awarded: See, Explore, Learn: Updating Nonfiction with Face-Out Browsing Bins (Melinda Caldwell).

IMPACT ON RESOURCES:

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Not Recommended

Joni Jones

Woodford County Schools

Preliminary Grant Proposal Form

After completing and printing this form as a Word document, please send it—along with grant application details or instructions—to the Superintendent’s Office.

Project title: See, Explore, Learn: Updating Nonfiction with Face-Out Browsing Bins

School(s): Northside Elementary

Your name: Melinda Caldwell

Your e-mail address: melinda.caldwell@woodford.kyschools.us

Phone number: 859-879-4690

Source of grant: DG Youth Literacy Grant

Amount of request: \$ \$5,000

Proposal deadline: April 2026

Today’s date: March 12, 2026

Briefly describe the project: Our elementary library is a gateway to knowledge, curiosity, and discovery for young learners. Recently, we began reorganizing a portion of our nonfiction section with face-out books using book browsing bins to make it more engaging and accessible for students. Early feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive. One child excitedly described the new organization as “heaven,” and many others have commented on how much easier it is to find books they are interested in. We have also seen a substantial increase in nonfiction circulation since beginning this project, showing that students are eager to explore these materials when they are presented in a more accessible and inviting way.

With this grant, we hope to continue and complete this work by refreshing and reorganizing the remaining nonfiction sections, specifically the 800s, 900s, and the biography collection. Funding will allow us to update our nonfiction collection with high-quality, up-to-date books that reflect diverse topics, current

events, and students' interests. We will also expand the use of book browsing bins designed for face-out display, making it easier for young readers to see, explore, and engage with nonfiction materials. Completing this project will create a more inviting and student-friendly nonfiction area that encourages curiosity, supports research, and helps students develop a lifelong love of learning.

What items do you plan to purchase? Nonfiction Books and Acrylic Browsing Book Bins

What will you ask Woodford County Schools to contribute?

What is the duration of this grant? \$0 , only Excitement.

Who will write the grant proposal? Melinda Caldwell

Approved to complete grant application: 2026-2027 School Year

Not approved. Reason:

Yoni Jones

3-25-26

Superintendent or Designee

Date