



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



ExxonMobil Chemical Plant Manager Joe Blommaert presented Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Toby York with a \$26,800 check from the ExxonMobil Foundation on Oct. 28. In front row are Dr. York, Travis Elementary fourth-graders Ashley Cavazos, Nile Stewart, Angel Molina, Savana Vasquez, Zachary Zawisza, and Blommaert. Holding the check are Jacqueline Shuman, Goose Creek Coordinator of Mathematics, Brenda Hastings-Gongora, Travis principal, and Robyn Sewell, Travis math peer facilitator.

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That generous donation comes on the heels of two other donations of \$12,000 and \$38,000 from the oil giant.

The latest donation in support of math initiatives was made at Travis Elementary School, one of the company's partner schools in the district.

The money will be used in two areas: in support of a new signature Math Program for Goose Creek CISD students entitled MATHCOUNTS and to upgrade technology for math instruction across the district.

MATHCOUNTS is a program that inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in junior school students through fun and challenging math programs. With the leadership of the National Society of Professional Engineers at the local and state levels, MATHCOUNTS provides students with the foundation for success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers.

Further, the ExxonMobil donation will enable the district to fund salaries for MATHCOUNTS coaches at all five junior schools, materials, training, and transportation costs.

ExxonMobil Baytown will also supply volunteers to work with the students in an after-school setting and host events at our site.

"I knew I wanted a career in math when I was a young student," said Joe Blommaert, ExxonMobil Chemical Plant Manager. "I hope the new math programs funded by this grant inspire Baytown students to also follow a career in math."

Blommaert transferred to Baytown in October. He was born in the Netherlands and has 21 years of service with ExxonMobil holding assignments in the Netherlands, Belgium, and the United States.

"Through this generous gift, teachers will be able to present innovative, technology-based instruction, and students will be able to participate in math lessons involving interactive technology," said Jacqueline Shuman, Goose Creek CISD Coordinator of Mathematics.

"Goose Creek is extremely pleased to be partners with ExxonMobil," said Goose Creek Superintendent Dr. Toby York. "The donation in support of math initiatives is a wonderful addition this year. Our district will use the money to enhance the implementation of our math curriculum. Our continued partnership with ExxonMobil has been a tremendous asset to student learning in our schools."

Earlier this year, ExxonMobil donated \$12,000 to be distributed in \$2,000 increments to each of the company's partner schools: Baytown Junior, Cedar Bayou Junior, Lee High, San Jacinto Elementary, Travis Elementary and Walker Elementary. That contribution was made on behalf of the ExxonMobil sites in Baytown and Mont Belvieu.

ExxonMobil also donated \$38,000 to fund a variety of science programs across the district.

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