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MOORE'S KINGSGATE AND SKY RANCH INTEGRATE NEW TECHNOLOGY IN CLASSROOMS – VIRTUAL REALITY & MORE!

MOORE – Students and teachers at two Moore Public Schools (MPS), Kingsgate Elementary and Sky Ranch Elementary, are benefitting from the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust (OETT) grant and Professional Development (PD) from the University of Oklahoma's K20 Center. Each site has been awarded \$40,000 to purchase new technology equipment for their school and \$25,000 worth of PD and training.

“Our schools are purchasing technology that meets their site’s specific needs and our teachers are learning how to optimize their new technology – this is a win/win for our students! We are grateful to our education friends at the K20 Center and for OETT funding,” said Superintendent, Dr. Romines.

With OETT grant funds, Kingsgate Elementary will add laptops, iPads and Apple TVs. All the items will be available for teachers to use with students in their classrooms.

“With adding this technology and Professional Development provided throughout the year, our teachers will be able to continue with implementing authentic lessons using the technology purchased with the grant. It will continue to provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking, student and teacher collaboration, and connected learning across our curriculum. We are excited about the opportunities for both students and teachers,” said Karie Hill, Kingsgate Principal.

Sky Ranch Elementary will add 30 Chromebooks and charging cart, Osmo Learning System and Google Expeditions Virtual Reality Headsets.

“Professional Development includes all faculty and technology committee training on the equipment purchased. It will help us authentically integrate technology into our instruction while encouraging communication and collaboration among students and engage them in critical thinking skills,” said Amy Braun, Sky Ranch Principal.

Statewide, there are 21 public schools receiving the OETT grant for school year 2019-2020, totaling more than \$1.4 million.

Last school year, MPS OETT grant recipient was Heritage Trails Elementary who utilized funds to create three Z Spaces and add 3D Virtual Reality computers.

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Note: The Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust (OETT) grant is administered by Communities Foundation of Oklahoma, contact: Rachael Hunter, (918) 645-9130, email: rhunter@cfok.org.

Pictures available of Sky Ranch and Kingsgate staff participating in Professional Development with the K20 Center.