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CHELCO funds grants for local STEM teachers

DeFuniak Springs, Fla. (Oct. 24, 2017) -- CHELCO presented funds to the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation (OPSF) this month for teachers' grants which will be used to enrich science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) topics taught to public school children.

On Oct. 12, Rumi Nielson-Green, Manager of Communications and Community Affairs for CHELCO presented a check representing the \$12,000 investment in the Teacher Grant Program. The contribution from CHELCO has been matched, dollar-for-dollar, through a matching grant program of the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations administered by OPSF.

Accepting the contribution on behalf of OPSF and the Okaloosa County School District, Assistant Superintendent Steve Horton expressed appreciation for the continuing support from CHELCO. "With these funds, our teachers are provided with an opportunity to enhance instruction for their students and equip their classrooms with materials that support that instruction. We are proud to continue our partnership with CHELCO."

CHELCO is a not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving more than 50,000 accounts in Walton, Okaloosa, Holmes and Santa Rosa counties.

Teachers awarded CHELCO grants through a competitive application process for the 2017-2018 school year:

Bluewater Elementary:

- Marissa Agrell
- Barry Blackburn
- Lauren Brown
- Claire Erk
- Becky Miller
- Katherine Stephens

Davidson Middle School:

- Shannon Anderson
- Tim Sexton

Baker School:

- Sarah Gilbert

Laurel Hill:

- Delilah Lewis