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Comal Public School Foundation awards more than \$50,000 in districtwide technology grants

In partnership with the Comal Independent School District, the Comal Public School Foundation awarded 20 classroom performance systems worth more than \$50,000 to nine different campuses to help the district with its math and science initiatives in fifth and eighth grades.

The Foundation awarded 20 Qwizdom interactive learning systems to help teachers assess student learning using the latest innovations in wireless technology. With the Qwizdom, students utilize "remote controls" to answer the teacher's questions. Students no longer will worry about being the last one with their hands in the air or not knowing the answer. Students choose an answer from multiple choices, click the remote control and their answer is transmitted to the teacher's desktop computer. The teacher has instantaneous feedback, and students no longer will be embarrassed if they don't know the answer.

"These systems will allow every student to feel successful, and allow teachers to immediately reteach items that students might not understand," said Klaus Weiswurm, president of the Foundation. "We are excited to partner with the school district to bring this advanced technology to the classrooms in Comal ISD. We hope that these systems will make learning fun and teaching more effective."

The Foundation is providing the Qwizdom classroom systems and free training for the teachers, and the district is providing the digital projectors and carts.

This districtwide technology grant is in addition to the annual classroom grants of more than \$60,000 that were awarded in the fall.

Nine schools with fifth or eighth grades are getting the systems — Canyon, Spring Branch, and Smithson Valley middle schools; Rebecca Creek, Hoffmann Lane, Comal, and Frazier elementary schools; Arlon Seay Intermediate School and Mountain Valley School.

For more information about the Comal Public School Foundation or the Qwizdom Systems, please visit www.comalpsf.org.