

**MEMORANDUM**

From: Colleen Fitzpatrick, Interim Chief Academic Officer

To: Middletown Board of Education Members

Date: March 30, 2026

Re: Professional Improvement Fund Awards

The Office of Teaching & Learning in collaboration with The Middletown Federation of Teachers reviewed applications for Professional Improvement Fund grand awards. In all, \$5,800.00 was awarded. Of the three applications submitted, the committee recommends the approval of the following two applications.

1.	<p>Bielefeld THRIVE Training- Supports student engagement to implement small group enrichment lab</p> <p>April Baehr (4th ELA,) Susan Velardi (4th Math,) Angie Conte (5th ELA,) Kathryn Turscany (5th Math)</p>	<p>Requested- \$3700</p> <p>Approved- \$3700</p>
2.	<p>Between the Mesh: The Hybrid Screen Print- Explores a wide range of traditional and experimental screen printing techniques</p> <p>Catherine Lendler - Spencer/Legacy Art Teacher</p>	<p>Requested- \$2100</p> <p>Approved- \$2100</p>