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Dear MSAD 51 Community,

It is with great pleasure that the Foundation 51 Board of Directors announces an award of \$20,596 to Greely High School for the purchase of 10 iMac computers equipped with digital imaging and publishing software, along with 10 Wacom Pen Tablets, for its Digital Photography Lab. The lab is used throughout the day for Digital Photography, Painting, 2D/3D Studio Art, IB Studio Art, AP Studio Art, and collaboratively with the Photo Club, the Inkwell Literary magazine and by the Drama Club for poster production.

Since the creation of the Digital Photography program in 2008, GHS students have been working with ten outdated and inadequate computers and software. As Eric Johnson, Chair of the Foundation 51 Grants Committee, said in his awards letter to Wes Franklin, Chair of the GHS Art Department, "District budget pressures over the years have created gaps between curriculum expectations and curriculum reality across all grade levels.....Foundation 51 is pleased to help close one of those gaps".

Wes Franklin was stunned when he learned of the award. "Wow!!! Please pinch me so I know this is real. So many students will appreciate this incredibly grand gesture of Foundation 51. I am speechless of your generosity".

Student reactions were equally as enthusiastic:

"When I was told Greely High School was awarded a grant for new art room computers, I immediately thought, 'thank goodness'. Working with the Macs we have now has a nice vintage touch and all, but completing work is so difficult to do when most of the applications shut down every five minutes. It's like digital art Minute to Win It! The new computers will be a major improvement to all of the art classes as it will broaden our capabilities as high school art students. Thank you so much, Foundation 51!" Delaney Stevens, Class of 2014, Photographer/Digital Photo.

Foundation 51's grant award for this technology is a symbol of our investment in and continued support of MSAD #51 and the students it serves. We encourage you to visit Wes Franklin's grant recognition page to view photos and testimonials regarding this initiative! You can access this page in the Hot News section of our website, www.foundation51.org.

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