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Bronson High School Receives Educational Mini Grant

Bronson, MI – Bronson Community Schools educator Pam Losinski was recently selected to receive \$975 mini grant from the Guido A. and Elizabeth H. Binda Foundation administered through the Calhoun Intermediate School District. A committee of educators from Barry, Branch, and Calhoun school districts selects the grants through a competitive process.

Bronson's "Flipping for Math" project was awarded one of 20 mini grants available. The concept behind a Flipped Classroom is students are exposed to the content that will be covered in class prior to the class meeting, where in a traditional classroom setting the first time students hear about course content is during the class. In a Flipped Classroom, students review course content prior to class by watching a lecture video or completing a reading assignment. When the class meets, students practice applying key concepts and interact with peers and their teacher. Then, after class, students are able to check their understanding of the information and focus on areas they find difficult or learn more about areas they are interested in. With the funds, the school purchased an iPad and 3 tablets to flip the calculus classroom.

"I use the iPad to create the video lectures. Students who don't have computer and internet access at home use the tablets to watch the video lectures and prepare for the next day's class activity," states Losinski. "Using this model has already allowed the class to process the advanced math concepts in a different way, and it allows me as the teacher to determine what ideas the students are struggling with."

About the Binda Foundation: The Guido A. and Elizabeth H. Binda Foundation is a private foundation. Guido was an architect specializing in school design. For over 40 years he invested his time and resources throughout southwest Michigan, improving education and the quality of life for many. Elizabeth was a former educator who was passionate about enhancing learning for all children and youth, exemplified in the Foundation's accomplishments. The Bidas lived in Battle Creek. One focus grant and 20 mini grants were provided by the foundation, totaling just over \$25,000.

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Photo: Students in Losinski's Calculus class utilize tablets purchased with grant money to review content for the next day's lesson.