

Ben Russow - Mason Middle School
Administrative Report
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- Nicki Blackburn, a MS Social Studies Teacher, secured 2 grants to support our YIG and Library programs. Here is a summary:

Mason middle school Youth in Government has been awarded a \$1500 grant from Michigan Youth in government to support our middle school program. These funds will be used to help offset the cost for students who attend the conference.

Mason Middle School and high school libraries received a Dollar General Literacy Grant for \$2500 to provide books to support literacy at a secondary level. I applied for this grant as part of my graduate work through Spring Arbor University's MAR (Masters of Arts in Reading) program. This grant is awarded to "Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

- Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs
- Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs"

While my Ms. Blackburn's name was on the grant, she worked closely Jessica Hopper to make this possible!

- M-Step Scores remained consistent. I am pleased to share these results; the grid compares our scores to the state averages and other county schools.
- Our PBIS initiative is up and running. We have completed our first calibration and have provided a variety of special incentives to those students that our meeting the expected standards. I want to thank our PBIS committee for organizing and taking this leadership role on. We hope it continues to make a positive impact on our school culture.
- Congratulations to all of our Fall Sports teams. I was able to see a lot of competitive games and sportsmanship in our competitions. Our 7th grade volleyball team went undefeated and won the Tri-County league tournament at the end of the year.
- Nov 1st is a full day of PD for our teachers. We have presentations planned for more education on LGTBQ+ and first aid/ CPR for our teachers.