



## GRANTS AWARDED 2013-2014 (TOTAL = \$37,089)

- **Vex Robotics Club (MBA)** – Students design, build and program their own VEX robots allowing them to participate in VEX Robotics state and regional competitions. These competitions provide an innovative learning environment allowing the students to expand their knowledge of engineering and design concepts.
- **eBackpack (SHS)** – Internet-based eBackpack, allows both students and teachers the ability to interface via any internet device. Assignments can be distributed, reviewed and stored through this application helping to support a paperless classroom. The online management tool also helps students to organize their schedule and parents to check their children's grades and progress.
- **Star Assessment (MBA, SHS)** – The STAR pilot program assesses student math and language arts skills. It is given three times a year to assure that teaching practices are aligned with the new Common Core State Standards and students are developing the skills they need to take the new state assessments.
- **Life Centered Education Curriculum (SHS)** – LCE is a life skills curriculum and assessment tool for students with special education needs. The curriculum provides the instructor with the necessary materials to teach the most critical skills of daily living. Assessments are completed, goals and objectives are established and student progress is measured via their iPads.
- **Therapy Balls in Place of Chairs (SES)** - In this pilot program therapy balls are used in place of chairs to enhance the learning of students with attention deficit disorder. The therapy balls are used in a small group resource room setting. Data is being collected to determine their effectiveness.
- **Second Step Program (SES)** – The research based programs provides staff with the tools they need to support the social and emotional development of the students. Through discussion, modeling and practice, the students learn how to manage emotions, problem solve and be empathetic; skills which help to support academic achievement.
- **Technology Grants (SES, MBA, SHS)** – Grants awarded in the area of technology included funding for iPads, Mimios and projectors. This state of the art equipment allows our staff to provide an innovative learning environment and engage and challenge our students.