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WEDC invests in Pewaukee School District for fab lab equipment

Pewaukee, WI – The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) announced today that Pewaukee School District is the recipient of a state grant to fund new fabrication laboratory (fab lab) facilities, which will equip Wisconsin students with essential skills for the 21st century's global economy. Pewaukee School District was awarded this grant to enhance and create Makerspaces throughout the campus including the new S.T.E.A.M. Innovation Center that is opening September of 2020.

“WEDC has invested over \$2.8 million for the past five years to provide 77 school districts across the state with the equipment necessary to help students learn high-demand skills, including technology, manufacturing and engineering,” said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of WEDC. “Fab labs benefit not only the students themselves with important technology and career skills, but they also benefit Wisconsin employers, who will be able to find workers with the right skills to allow their companies to grow and thrive.”

Including Pewaukee School District, 31 school districts throughout the state are being awarded a total of \$693,200 in Fab Lab grants this year to establish or expand their fab labs.

WEDC's Fab Labs Grant Program is designed to support hands-on learning in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) by assisting public school districts with equipment purchases such as 3D printers, laser engravers, computer numerical control routers and plasma cutters for instructional and educational purposes.

Fab labs have the potential to benefit individual students, school districts, the surrounding community and Wisconsin's economy as a whole. For more information, visit WEDC's [fab lab resource page](#) or follow #WIFabLab on Twitter.

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About Pewaukee School District

Pewaukee School District is a public 4K-12 district offering an award-winning, future-ready education to over 3,000 students on a unique, single-campus setting. We are passionately committed to our mission to open the door to each child's future.

About the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) leads economic development efforts for the state by advancing and maximizing opportunities in Wisconsin for businesses, communities and people to thrive in a globally competitive environment. Working with more than 600 regional and local partners, WEDC develops and delivers solutions representative of a highly responsive and coordinated economic development network. Visit wedc.org or follow WEDC on Twitter [@WEDCNews](#) to learn more.