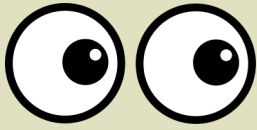


# Superintendent Communique

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## Looking for a worthwhile way to make tax-deductible charitable gift before the end of 2016?

We hope you will consider our **JOIN THE FAMOUS NAMES IN STEM** initiative currently underway!

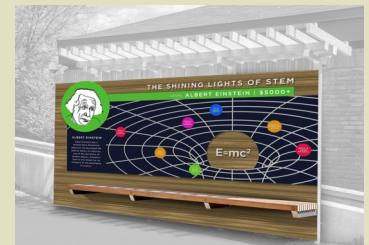


STEM playgrounds

This exciting project will provide more than a dozen outdoor STEM playgrounds and learning environments on the site of the new Central Park Elementary School, which is slated to open in September 2017.



This project will feature large STEM playground panels with information about the following important contributors to the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM): Albert Einstein, Mae Jemison, Leonardo Fibonacci, Marie Maynard Daly, Otis Ray McIntire and Hattie Alexander.



The projected cost of this STEM playground/outdoor learning environments project is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

### Here is the *nitty gritty* about this important tax-deductible charitable contribution opportunity:

- ➡ The Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF) has graciously partnered with MPS and is offering a **2-to-1 matching grant** for community **donations raised up to \$50,000**
  - a \$10 donation would actually be \$30; a \$50 donation, \$150
  - if we can raise the \$50,000, the MACF grant would mean an additional \$150,000 toward this exciting STEM playground/outdoor learning environments project (WOW!)
  - Every donation of \$50 or more will have the donor's name displayed on a STEM playground panel

These interactive STEM playground/outdoor learning environments will be enjoyed by ALL CHILDREN throughout the community. When school is not in session, ALL CHILDREN will be welcome to EXPLORE, PLAY, SEARCH, CLIMB, DISCOVER, PUSH, PULL, MOVE, INVESTIGATE, ENJOY these very special play spaces!



If you would like to make a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.midlandfoundation.org](http://www.midlandfoundation.org) and click on the **STEM Playground Donation** tab or call 839-9661 for more information.