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San Antonio teacher wins \$2,500 tech grant from ATPE Foundation

AUSTIN – The ATPE Foundation recently recognized Northside ISD teacher Karen Dunlap for winning a \$2,500 technology grant at the school district’s February board meeting in San Antonio. Evers, a campus instructional technologist at Christian Evers Elementary School, used the grant funds to purchase Mobis, interactive whiteboards for teacher and student use.

“Mobis allow teachers to make their classrooms interactive with technology, easily engaging students and increasing learning and overall achievement,” Dunlap wrote in her grant application. “Students are motivated to take ownership of their learning with an opportunity to use these interactive boards which provide student-centered and collaborative experiences.”

Dunlap’s project will impact students at all grade levels at her school. In addition, staff and faculty will benefit as well. Before winning this grant, Dunlap won two other grants that allowed her to purchase seven Mobis to be shared among 54 teachers at her campus. Receiving the ATPE Foundation technology grant allowed her to purchase an additional 18 Mobis. The staff now has 25 Mobis to share among its teachers to use in their classroom.

“Teachers have witnessed the increased involvement of our students while using these (devices) on campus and the demand for this technology is high,” Dunlap said. “Christian Evers is a 20-year-old school in great need of more interactive technology for use with our students at each grade level to help prepare students for a technology driven world.”

The ATPE Foundation technology grant provides funds to educators in Texas public schools for the purchase of classroom technology resources. Two \$2,500 grants were awarded during the 2012-13 school year.

The ATPE Foundation was established by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE), the state’s leading educators’ association and the largest independent association for public school educators in the nation. An educator does not have to be a member of ATPE to apply for a grant from the foundation.

For more information about the ATPE Foundation technology grant, visit
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