

Fuller Middle School is located in Little Rock, AR. It is a 6-7-8 middle school that serves 472 students. The student population is 75% African American, 20% white and 5% Other; and 90% of the population qualifies for free or reduced lunch. Since the implementation of NCLB, FMS has struggled with student achievement, and as is actively looking for ways to help our students achieve to their fullest potential. Recent large scale studies show a significant increase in achievement scores of students using technology as a learning tool. (Guzey and Roehrig, 2012)

Access to technology is crucial to all learners today, but extremely important to students of low SES. Fuller Middle School was recently recognized as STEM Excellence school for their efforts in bringing STEM education to all students in the school. The program began two years ago with zero funding, and has since grown exponentially, with very limited funding provided by the district. Many of the items purchased for use have been made available by donations and grants from business such as yours. Updating technology and software comes with annual expenses. This year, we'd like to provide GO Animate for our students to use as an alternative presentation format. We believe that it can help students gain a better understanding of academic concepts, especially in the STEM subjects.

Go Animate is an online video production site. It allows students to create presentations in nearly every academic concentration, from telling a story about a scientific finding, to writing an alternate ending to a novel, or even their personal expertise to present their view of a given topic. It allows for individual work or group collaboration. Students can present their animation in class, as well as post to the school website. Go Animate is an amazing program that addresses technological

literacy and 21st century learning skills. Creativity, collaboration, communication, research and critical thinking/problem solving skills are all in the first four ISTE-NETS student standards the use of this program can cover; in addition to providing the technology component to the new Common Core Math and Literacy standards.

The price of the school license for all 472 students is 637\$, however to get started we could use a license for just 200 students and 5 teachers at a cost of only \$307.00 for one year. I am requesting the amount of at least \$307.00 and up to \$637 from your community giving budget in hopes that you can help our economically disadvantaged students add one more piece of technology to their learning success toolboxes.