

## **Founding Fund Grant Narrative Example – School-wide program**

### **Program description & Expected Outcomes**

There are two types of mindsets, fixed and growth, which exist in all of us. It is our goal with this year-long project to develop and nurture a growth mindset in both our students and staff at Augusta Elementary. Our administrative/instructional coach team believes that a growth mindset must first be embraced by our teachers and then fostered and encouraged in our students. Although we are given opportunities for this every day, we want to be intentional with this process.

We plan to do this by completing a book study in our PLC (Professional Learning Communities) that will begin during our school-based teacher academy in August of 2022 and continue throughout the 2022-2023 school year. This book, which will be purchased for each teacher with county funds, is *The Growth Mindset Coach* by Annie Brock and Heather Hundley. We would like to supplement this book study with *The Growth Mindset Classroom-Ready Resource Book* by the same authors. This book is a toolkit for encouraging grit and resilience in all students and provides specific lessons and materials with which to do this. These lessons/activities and their outcomes will also be discussed in our PLCs.

As with any productive study or initiative, the most meaningful outcomes occur when there is time for reflection. We want to provide each teacher with a journal to be used throughout the year during PLC/discussion times. With the use of a free resource provided by [TherapistAid.com](http://TherapistAid.com), our administrative/academic coach team will guide part of this journaling time with specific prompts to promote self-reflection on mindset, needs, and successes within the classroom. We would also like to provide our classrooms with growth mindset posters which can be referred to during classroom discussions, class meetings, etc. A final resource that we would be purchasing is a children's book entitled *Thanks for the Feedback...I Think?* for each classroom which is appropriate for grades K-5. Teachers will be able to use this book as a read aloud for the class during social/emotional learning lessons to promote a growth mindset in their students.

This school-wide project will support our social/emotional learning as well as academic focus at Augusta Elementary. It will benefit all staff and students at the school as we work together to "Embrace a Growth Mindset."

### **Program/Project Budget:**

*The Growth Mindset Classroom-Ready Resource Book: A Teacher's Toolkit for Encouraging Grit and Resilience in All Students*-23 copies @ \$15.95 each-\$366.85

*Thanks for the Feedback...I Think?*-15 copies @ \$10.95 each-\$164.25 Growth

Mindset Posters Set-10 sets @ \$9.99 each-\$99.90

Primary Growth Mindset Posters Set-5 @ \$12.95 each-\$64.75 Lined

Journal Notebooks-24 @ \$8.23-\$197.52

*The Growth Mindset Coach: A Teacher's Month-by-Month Handbook for Empowering Students to Achieve*-24 @ \$12.65-\$303.60 -Supported by Hampshire County School Funds

*I Wish My Teacher Knew: How One Question Can Change Everything for Our Kids*-2 @ \$12.15-\$24.30-Supported by Hampshire County School Funds