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LSC AWARDED \$5,000 IN GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS FROM DABO'S ALL IN TEAM FOUNDATION

The objective of Dabo's All In Team Foundation's Grant Program is to provide local, South Carolina-based organizations in need of monetary support an opportunity to receive funding in order to execute projects that fit within Dabo's All In Team Foundation's mission statement, which is to raise awareness of critical education and health issues in order to change lives of people across the state of South Carolina. The foundation especially sought projects for funding which addressed the aspects of health, wellness, and education in making a positive impact on their community.

Liberty STEAM Charter was one of a handful of those organizations selected for funding in this year's grant cycle. LSC submitted a grant application in late August, including 12 grant narratives, a budget, and appendix items requesting the full maximum amount in funding. As part of this highly competitive grant, non-profit organizations apply in the school category had to provide a clear, concise, and comprehensive plan regarding the school's educational model, governance & management capacity, and community need. The grant funding will cover three projects during LSC's launch phase that include 1) providing each scholar their first uniform free of charge, 2) organizing & executing a home visits program, and 3) supporting the work of engaging admitted scholars and their families through the first day of school.

According to Chief of Staff Dr. Trevor Ivey, the grant's author & project director "One of LSC's five core beliefs as an organization is that it takes the active engagement of the entire community to ensure the success of the charter school. The additional grant funding provided by Dabos will positively impact hundreds of children in our community with a focused priority on serving the students who have the most to gain. This is just another illustration of our commitment to taking a no-shortcuts approach in creating an additional high-quality public education option for the families in Sumter. Again, we want to thank our supporting stakeholders and cannot wait to begin serving the families of Sumter."

"Strong, effective charter schools all around the country are giving young people a solid education and hope for a better future, but we know charter schools are not automatically strong and effective," says Chairman Greg A. Thompson. Chairman Thompson further says, "startup schools need nurturing and ongoing support in order to succeed. Grant opportunities like the ones provided by Dabo's All In Team Foundation are crucial to our board's mission of creating and sustaining an alternative, high-quality public education option for families across Sumter."

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