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Minooka Community High School Brings Virtual Reality to the Classrooms

(Minooka) – Minooka Community High School (MCHS) students will now be able to visit the Great Wall of China, peek inside the top of an active volcano, and see how the human heart beats, just to name a few activities, all without leaving the comfort of the classroom.

When the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department at MCHS was awarded a \$10,000 grant from District #111 Foundation for Educational Excellence, Wes Anderson, CTE Department Teacher, was overjoyed.

"We are very fortunate that the District #111 Foundation for Educational Excellence purchased the ClassVR classroom set for us," stated Anderson. "I am very excited to have this technology available for our teachers to enhance their already great curriculum. This technology is another tool that our teachers will have at their disposal to have a positive impact on student learning." continued Anderson.

The CTE Department purchased the Virtual Reality Headsets from ClassVR. ClassVR administered a day of training for a number of teachers that were picked to be early adopters of the technology and be able to implement the lesson plans very soon after the training.

The ClassVR website says in part: ClassVR's headset is a standalone, classroom-ready device, delivering a fully immersive VR/AR experience under the teacher's control. With the ClassVR headset, everything you need is fully integrated – you don't need to add a mobile device. Headsets have a High Definition 5.5" screen, an 8MP front facing camera, integrated Wi-Fi and a battery that will last throughout the school day.

"The teachers will be able to use the VR/AR technology to provide experiences for their students that they otherwise were not able to do," stated Anderson. "Instead of just using pictures, our teachers can now immerse our students in an experience, thanks to the AR/VR technology." continued Anderson.

The mission of the District #111 Foundation for Educational Excellence is to inspire excellence, foster innovation, and nurture potential. The Foundation wants to provide opportunities where

they can help inspire and educate the students of MCHS beyond the four walls of a class room, and extend creative learning and development time far into the future.

The teachers are excited to be implementing this new technology into their lesson plans as early as this October.



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