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# MATRIX Grant is Awarded to Lincoln Middle School

## LMS Students Will Participate in a Technology-Based Mathematics Project

Dear Parent,

As the Principal of Lincoln Middle School, I am pleased to announce that your child, along with his/her mathematics teacher, will be participating in a three-year project funded by the NJ Department of Education. The title of the project is MATRIX Passaic. The letters stand for Math Achievement to Realize Individual eXcellence.

The Stevens Institute of Technology Center for Innovation in Engineering and Science Education (CIESE) will partner with LMS in training the math teachers to effectively integrate

technology into their instruction, thereby making learning more exciting and more relevant to modern society. Student achievement should also improve as a result of the shift in focus from textbook learning to a hands-on approach.

The MATRIX grant will provide the funds for the professional development of the participating teachers and for the purchase of the technology and software needed in their classrooms to implement the enhanced mathematics program.

Please be looking for more information coming about two exciting milestones in the

MATRIX project. We will be having an evening parent orientation meeting in the coming months. Also, look for the announcement of the creation of a project website to be developed by CIESE.

John Scozzaro, Principal



Technology in the classroom opens up avenues of exploration not available before.

For further information about the project, you may contact:

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CIESE Website  
[www.stevens.edu/ciese/](http://www.stevens.edu/ciese/)

### Participating Teachers

- Ms. Bulson, Gr. 7
- Ms. Gorski, Gr. 7
- Mr. Wade, Gr. 7
- Ms. Robinson, Gr. 8
- Ms. Safanova, Gr. 8
- Mr. Tully, Gr. 8

## Teacher Training + New Technology = Higher Achievement in Math

Six LMS math teachers have been selected to be trained in the integration of technology-based activities into the teaching of mathematics. The teachers will receive three days of training during the remainder of this school year and a week of training in

the summer. CIESE will send trainers to work with our teachers in the classrooms as they implement what they are learning. Students of the participating teachers will learn math concepts through the software recommended by CIESE. It is the

goal of the project to improve the achievement of the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards in Mathematics and to support our instructional focus on literacy.