

To: Committee on Excellence in Education

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Dear Committee, my name is Priscilla Grant. I am a Special Education Teacher at Venice Senior High. Many of my students are certain they can't learn math because of years of failing and giving up. Many of them have heard their parents say "me and math don't get along" and they believe the same is true for them. This learned helplessness impacts their dreams. I want to bring play into the High School classroom. Elementary teachers know that hands-on activities are essential to students' success. I believe high school students who are experiencing mathematical "Arrested Development" need play to help them fill in the deficits in their learning.

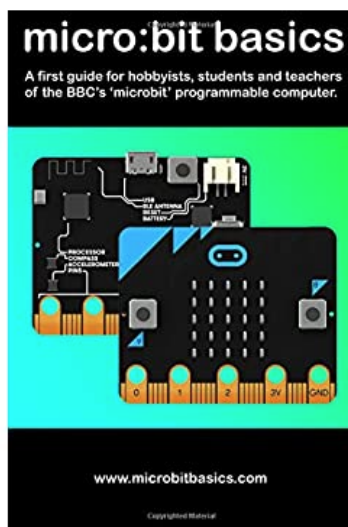
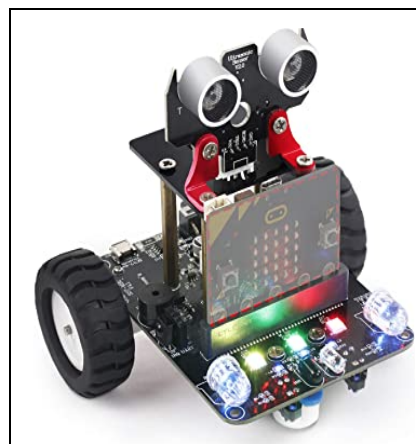
I'm requesting the Grant to purchase 10 STEM kits: a kit to build bridges which shows how certain angles are used to build bridges and others to set the foundation of a house, kits powered by solar panels, robots with guides, kits to build ferris wheels, mini cars, scooters, boats, fans, horns, drones, herb garden to show the rate of change, slope, a visual real world graph.

I admit I am desperate to see wonderment in children's eyes again. I believe Fridays should be dedicated to play and discovery. My plan is to enroll each student in JSCoding which is free from Khanacademy.org. My belief is that while learning coding and exploring toys developed using code they will be inspired to create their own codes in teams or individually as an end of the year project.

\$52.99

\$26 with micro bit

\$19.99



\$21.90

\$21.99

\$65 for 175 projects



\$99.99



\$29.99



\$36.99



\$45.95



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