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AMBLER SAVINGS BANK DONATES \$35,000 TOWARDS HYDROPONIC FARM AND FORENSICS LABS AT METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL

Eagleville, Pennsylvania – On February 24, 2021, Ambler Savings Bank presented The Methacton Education Foundation with a donation for \$35,000 to kick off fundraising for two transformative STEM Innovation Labs at Methacton High School.

These experimental labs will supplement Methacton High School’s core science curriculum and allow for advanced application of the content in ways not typically provided to high school students. The Foundation plans to raise the \$220,000 needed through partnerships with corporate and community partners who share a mission to inspire innovative education. Kick off donations toward the labs from Ambler Savings Bank and J.P. Mascaro & Sons totaled \$65,000.

“For nearly 10 years we have supported special programs at Methacton and have seen how impactful they can be. We are proud to support the STEM Innovation Labs and continue our commitment to education in our community,” said Roger Zacharia, President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank.

The STEM Innovation Labs include a hydroponic farm lab and forensics and biochemistry lab.

Hydroponic Farm Lab: Farming in a Shipping Crate will differentiate Methacton’s Environmental Science and Biology programs with a vertical hydroponic farm inside an insulated, custom-built shipping container. Methacton will be the first school in Pennsylvania with this state of the art greenery farming system.

Forensics and Biochemistry Lab: Methacton CSI (Crime Scene Investigations) will offer students a “Who Done It” case to solve using forensic tools and methods such as: DNA Electrophoresis, Fingerprint & Handwriting analysis, Fiber & Hair analysis, Trace & Residue Analysis, and a FTIR Spectrometer to analyze counterfeit printing.

Programming will be offered to high school students as an elective in the 2022-2023 school year, led by Science Department Chair, Steve Savitz, and Physics/Chemistry Teacher, Ashley Alveranga.



(left to right) Dr. David Zerbe, Superintendent, Methacton School District; Jim Beam, President, Methacton Education Foundation; Nikki Krelovic, Methacton Education Foundation Executive Director; Roger Zacharia, President and CEO, Ambler Savings Bank; Erin Cohen, Vice President & Retail Officer, Ambler Savings Bank; Barbi Griffith, Chemistry Teacher, Jill Palmer, Physics/Chemistry Teacher, Methacton High School



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