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## METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SHOWCASES METALWORK LAB AND PLANATARIUM UPGRADES FUNDED IN PART BY \$45,000 DONATION FROM AMBLER SAVINGS BANK

Eagleville, Pennsylvania – Ambler Savings Bank proudly announces its donation of \$45,000 to Methacton’s Arcola Intermediate School. This contribution helped fund the acquisition of a state-of-the-art plasma cutter and planetarium upgrades, enhancing the school’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education capabilities.

The plasma cutter will provide students with hands-on experience in metalworking and fabrication, empowering them to explore concepts in engineering and design. All eight-grade students participate in a two month program where they collaborate on fabricating a metal bridge. Their goal is to set a new record for the maximum weight the bridge can support.

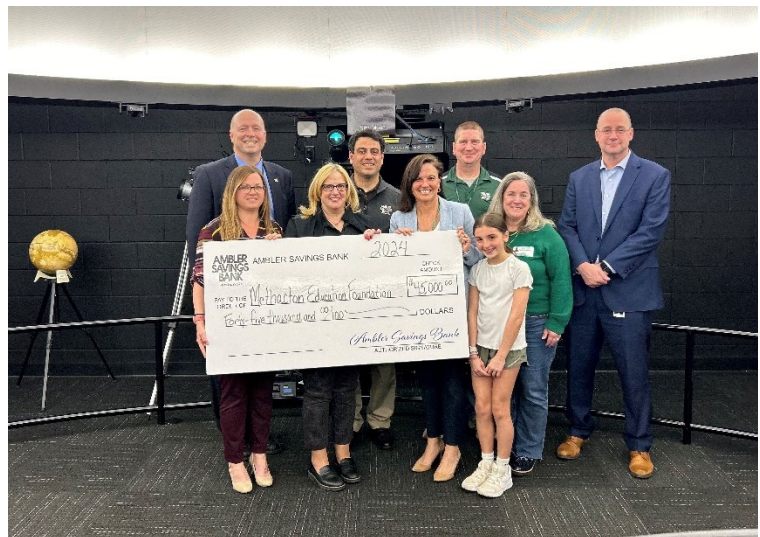
An overhaul of the Mallon Planetarium was recently completed and serves as a dynamic learning environment, immersing students in astronomy and space science. Since the 1970s, the Planetarium has been used district wide as well as by community groups. Some of the funds from Ambler Savings Bank contributed to the \$1.3 million dollar renovation that updated the infrastructure, technology, seating and HVAC system.

"The plasma cutter and planetarium will significantly enrich our curriculum, enabling students to engage in hands-on learning and explore the wonders of science and technology," claims Michael Bourdeau, Arcola Intermediate School Principal.

Funding for the program was raised in collaboration by the Methacton Education Foundation along with local business sponsors like Ambler Savings Bank.

Commenting on this initiative, Roger Zacharia, President of Ambler Savings Bank, expressed enthusiasm for supporting educational excellence. "We are thrilled to partner with Methacton in advancing STEM education. This donation reflects our commitment to fostering innovation and empowering students with cutting-edge resources."

Every year, the Methacton Education Foundation supports various initiatives like this one, aligning with their mission to fund innovative programs.





"We are grateful for the support of partners like Ambler Savings Bank, which enables us to provide cutting-edge programs at Methacton," said Donna Piergallini, Executive Director, Methacton Education Foundation.

The Foundation continues to raise additional funds needed through state grants and partnerships with corporate and community partners who share a mission to inspire innovative education.

The donation from Ambler Savings Bank exemplifies the bank's dedication to supporting local communities and investing in education. Through initiatives like this, Ambler Savings Bank continues to make a positive impact on the development of future generations.

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