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Dear Caledonia Families,

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you. Caledonia High School (CHS) has been awarded the SME PRIME grant, a significant investment that will greatly enhance the manufacturing and engineering opportunities available to our students.

The SME Education Foundation, as part of a public-private partnership with the State of Michigan, has expanded its SME PRIME® program to include CHS among 16 new high schools joining the initiative across Michigan. This effort aims to address the critical skills gap in our country's manufacturing sector by equipping students with advanced manufacturing technology and training.

This expansion means that our students will now have access to tailored project-based learning programs, which align with the needs of local manufacturers and are integrated with industry-recognized certifications. Such opportunities are crucial in preparing our students for promising careers in the fast-evolving fields of manufacturing and engineering.

We are especially thankful to the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation and the State of Michigan for their trust in us to inspire and prepare the next generation of manufacturing talent right here in our community. This partnership not only supports our educational goals but also strengthens Michigan's manufacturing talent pipeline.

For more detailed information on the SME PRIME program and its impact on the 16 newly selected Michigan high schools, including ours, check out their [press release](#).

We look forward to seeing our students thrive and excel through these enhanced educational opportunities. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school's progress and success.

Warm regards,

CCS Administration