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The Foundation for MERS has awarded \$24,300 to Dr. Margaret Scuteri, Science and Technology Supervisor. This grant will benefit all schools in the district.

DIGITAL **STARLAB**[®] PORTAL PLANETARIUM

Starry Night

Students explore the wonders of the universe with curriculum that spans the solar system, galaxies, dark matter, planets, stars and more.

Layered Earth

With interactive activities and lessons designed to spark discussions, teachers are more effective in teaching lessons in meteorology, geology and geography.

Classic Content

StarLab[®] teaching materials are designed to help teachers lay a solid educational foundation that equips students for a lifetime of discovery and learning.

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The **STARLAB**[®] planetarium will help to increase student engagement, spark curiosity, and provide real-life experiences for students.

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Students will become immersed in lessons that allow them to travel throughout the galaxies, visiting each planet along the way.

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They may travel anywhere on Earth, including under the ocean. Lessons allow teachers to guide students into the vent of a volcano and through the layers of the Earth!



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Students can identify patterns – the sun rising and setting over the course of a year; moon phases over the course of month; and seasonal changes caused by Earth's axial tilt all in a fully-immersive environment.

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The resources included in the STARLAB® planetarium support multiple curricular areas, including science, social studies, and math.

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Lessons are designed to increase student participation and to promote inquiry. The **STARLAB**® planetarium can be used throughout the district as the resources support curriculum at every grade level.

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MERS teachers from every grade level for each school became "StarLab® Ambassadors."



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Moreover, the **STARLAB**[®] is often the main feature at school events such as Parent University, Science Night, and star parties.

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At these events, many parents and siblings accompany students inside the planetarium reaching more than the MERS district's 5000+ students.

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