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TDECU Supports Science and Math Curriculum at Sweeny Elementary School



Front Row L to R: TDECU Board Vice-Chair Roland Hendricks, Sweeny Elementary Principal Matthew Way, SISD Education Foundation President Loretha Edison, Sweeny Elementary Asst. Principal Amanda Parker
Back Row L to R: TDECU Market President Josh Brian, Superintendent of Schools Daniel Fuller, SISD Education Foundation Board Member Wendy Irwin, SISD Instructional Coach Jenny Buchannan

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TDECU is showing its continued commitment toward community support with a large donation to the Sweeny Independent School District Education Foundation to pay for the elementary school's science curriculum.

On Thursday, August 31, TDECU Market President for Brazoria County Josh Brian and TDECU Board of Directors Vice-Chair Roland Hendricks, presented the foundation with a check for just over \$9,000 dollars. The money will be used to pay for the [STEMScopes](#) program at [Sweeny Elementary](#). STEMScopes is a comprehensive Science and Math program designed to empower teachers and students. With a wide range of additional resources and materials, teachers can now provide more personalized, engaging, and effective instruction in the classroom.

“Every year we talk with Sweeny ISD about their needs, and how TDECU can help,” said Brian, who continues to foster the credit union’s economic development and philanthropic ties. “As soon as we heard that they were looking for funding for their youngest students we knew what we had to do.”

Hendricks grew up in Brazoria County and graduated from Sweeny High School in 1976, so this donation has a special meaning.

“I could not be more excited than to be back in Sweeny to support and inspire a whole new generation of young students,” said Hendricks. “TDECU was founded on the idea of neighbors helping neighbors, and this donation is just another example of that.”

Sweeny Elementary School Principal and Sweeny ISD alumni Matthew Way stated, “I am overjoyed to share that our school is implementing STEMScopes into our curriculum. This innovative program will surely enrich our student's educational journey in a positive way, particularly in science and math classrooms. Students will have the opportunity to delve deeper into these subjects, which will broaden their future prospects. I cannot wait to witness our students' growth and achievements through this program.”

Brian noted that this is just another example of the credit union’s commitment to improving the lives of Brazoria County residents. In August 2022 TDECU announced it had reached a \$28 million dollar financing deal with the Sweeny Community Hospital District for the construction of a new hospital. The project is expected to be completed in early 2024.

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