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### **East Providence receives \$70K in Math Matters RI grant**

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence has been awarded \$70,000 through Gov. Dan McKee’s Learn365RI Initiative and the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) as part of the statewide Math Matters RI campaign, which aims to promote the importance of mathematics for students across the state.

“We are grateful to Gov. Dan McKee and the Rhode Island Department of Education for putting together this funding and allocating it to our community so that we can work with our student population to ensure they do not have any learning loss during the summer,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said. “This help funding allows us to focus on mathematics and increasing math scores and outcomes for our student population.”

As part of the latest round of Learn365RI grants, East Providence will be offering math-focused field trips and high-yield learning opportunities at the East Providence Dept. of Recreation’s summer camp program, which will run from June 23, 2025 to August 1, 2025.

“Math Matters RI is designed to build students’ confidence and capabilities in math – a critical skill for so many of their future career choices,” Gov. McKee said. “Creating a prosperous Rhode Island for our residents and families, our businesses, and our economy starts with Learn365RI investments that create learning opportunities outside the traditional classroom. I’m grateful to our partners in East Providence for their support of improving student outcomes—because we know that in ‘Every home, every day, learning matters.’”

Additionally, the city will use the funding to offer an enhanced math program to include Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) sessions taught by the MobileQuest STEM Center and the Rhode Island Computer Museum, as well as performances from Academic Entertainment’s Math Musical Fusion and Math Magical shows.

The City will also be partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of East Providence to add a teacher-led, daily math component to its free, six-week summer enrichment camp, providing 75 children with a daily block of math support.

“We are thrilled that East Providence has joined our statewide push to promote math because we know that strong math skills are critical for our students’ academic and career success,” Commissioner Angélica Infante-Green said. “We look forward to seeing East Providence students engaged in high-quality, year-round math-focused learning programs both in and out of the classroom thanks to Learn365RI. Through our continued partnership with Gov. Dan McKee and municipal leaders like Mayor Bob DaSilva, we will continue to improve math achievement and lead our students to success.”

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