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AAG Partners with Foundation for Fort Mill Schools

AAG Architects announced a three-year, \$7,500 total partnership with the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools today. The architectural firm will provide \$7,500 over the next three years to the nonprofit organization to support the Fort Mill School District's Project Lead the Way program.

In addition to the financial commitment, Ben Thompson, one of the principal architects at AAG has committed to investing his time to help train and mentor students in the Project Lead the Way program. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program that focuses on real world problem solving and critical thinking skills that students will need to be productive in 21st century careers. PLTW also puts emphasis on exposure to careers through mentorships and workplace experience.

AAG Architects are responsible for the design of several of Fort Mill School District's newest schools, including Tega Cay, Doby's Bridge, and Riverview elementary schools.

Scott Patterson, Executive Director for the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools, said that the partnership between AAG and the Foundation is notable especially for the direct impact Mr. Thompson can have by working with students in the program.

"Mr. Thompson is passionate about his work as an architect and we are excited for him to share that passion with our students. This is an exciting opportunity for them to learn how STEM in the classroom can have applications in the real world," said Patterson. "We are grateful to AAG for partnering with the Foundation to bring new opportunities to our Project Lead the Way students."

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools is a nonprofit organization established in 2003 to promote academic excellence in the Fort Mill School District through direct financial support of innovative classroom projects, professional development, technology for the classroom, arts in education, scholarships for graduating seniors, and free school supplies for students in need.

Since the Foundation's creation in 2003, more than \$250,000 has been given by the Foundation to Fort Mill School District teachers, staff, and students in the scholarships and teacher grants. An estimated \$30,000 has been given in school supplies to students in need since 2014.

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