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### **Hope of Detroit Academy High receives a \$130k check for a brand new STEAM lab**

Back in May, Hope of Detroit Academy High took community involvement to a whole new level and became a National Winner in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Stem Competition.

In response to Hope of Detroit Academy winning the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition and earning \$130,000, the Ferris State University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the formation of the Ferris State University (FSU)/Hope of Detroit Academy STEAM lab. Through this partnership between Hope of Detroit Academy and Ferris State University, each entity will invest \$130,000 towards the completion of the project. On November 23rd, Hope of Detroit Academy held a Board of Directors meeting where Ferris State University Director Dr. Ronald Rizzo and Board President Thomas Rys signed the Memo of Understanding for the STEAM lab and FSU presented a check for \$130,000 to begin developing the new state of the art STEAM lab. During the meeting, there was also ribbon cutting with STEAM presentations in the future lab that students have been working on with the funding from the Samsung grant.

Congratulations Hope of Detroit Academy High for winning \$130,000 in Samsung Technology and classroom resources. We are so proud of your hard work, dedication to the school and community, and the endless hours you spent working on the project.

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National Winner Announcement Link: <https://fb.watch/5B8hR8G2NB/>

Solve for Tomorrow Student Video: <https://youtu.be/hfY23Gzbnmk>