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Southeastern Credit Union Awards \$1,000 Grant to JL Lomax Elementary

Valdosta, Georgia (April 22, 2015) – Thanks to funds provided by Southeastern Credit Union, students at JL Lomax Elementary School have thoroughly enjoyed participating in small groups based on the WhyTry program. The WhyTry program is a research-based behavior intervention program which uses a series of visual analogies and interactive activities to engage students in learning resiliency techniques.

Grant funds provided by Southeastern CU have helped to supplement these small groups, allowing group leaders to purchase student notebooks to keep lessons and activities organized as well as supplies for the program's interactive games and activities. These funds have also been instrumental in providing incentives for students who use their skills to make positive choices in class.

"The funds provided by Southeastern CU have allowed us to fully incorporate a comprehensive WhyTry small group intervention program at JL Lomax," says Jessica LeFiles, School Counselor and WhyTry Group Leader. "This program is truly unique. Not only does the program allow students to learn techniques to help them make positive choices in life, we are also able to reward students for making those positive choices in the classroom."

The \$1,000 grant was awarded through Southeastern's Community Partners in Education (CPIE) program. Each of Southeastern's five CPIE schools submitted special projects for consideration and one project from each school was chosen to receive funding.

Local businesses that are interested in getting involved with the Community Partners in Education program may contact Valdosta City Schools Coordinator Jennifer Steedley at jstedley@gocats.org.

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