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Global Learning Academy

The Granby Education Foundation is proud to announce our latest funding initiative, The Global Learning Academy. Administered by the Granby Public Schools, the Academy will focus on developing students' 21st Century skills through language, culture, and Global Issues studies. The language course will develop conversational skills and offer a brief introduction to reading and writing. The Cultural Exploration class will immerse students in culture through songs, games, crafts, dance, and other experiences that extend and enrich the language class. In the Global Issues course, students will use inquiry, research, and debate to investigate environmental and social issues related to the chosen culture and the United States. In addition, students may also develop skills in other areas such as environmental and health literacy, student creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration, information media and technology skills, and life and career skills.

This program, offered to students in 3rd – 8th grade who live in or attend school in Granby, represents the first time that Granby elementary students will have the chance to learn languages through the school system. The Global Learning Academy will be implemented in three phases: a Summer Academy, a Saturday Academy, and a fall Global Learning Event highlighting student learning and extending the experience throughout the school system and into the community.

The Academy has chosen the Chinese culture as its focus for the first year of programming. Registration for the summer academy, which will kick off on June 20, 2011, is already underway and well subscribed. The Granby Education Foundation, in keeping with its mission to fund educational initiatives of merit, has made a three-year sponsorship commitment to this program. The Foundation is thrilled to have this opportunity to support innovative programming within the community that will enable Granby citizens to become pioneering, competitive members in our ever expanding global society.

Additional details can be found at http://www.granbyeducationfoundation.org/Global_Learning_academy.pdf