



**Pilot Name: Outdoor Learning Spaces at LRMS**

**School/District Name: Lake Region Middle School**

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**Overview:**

The Outdoor Learning Spaces Innovative Pilot Project at Lake Region Middle School will include building both a large greenhouse and an outdoor learning pavilion to increase our capacity for outdoor education. The RREV award will ensure that both these spaces are ADA accessible so that all of our students can access and benefit from these outdoor learning experiences. The funding will also provide an opportunity for guest presenters to use these spaces to help our middle school students better understand how the topics they are learning relate to real-world experiences and careers. The goals for Lake Region Middle School's use of the greenhouse and outdoor learning pavilion are to allow students to experience a wider variety of outdoor, hands-on, and interdisciplinary units to help them see the connections between all of their classes, feel more engaged in their academics, reduce the number of student absences, and help increase positive behaviors and attitudes towards school. Increasing the opportunities for students and teachers to experience authentic, interdisciplinary learning outside the traditional classroom walls will help to make learning more relevant and fun for everyone. An Outdoor Learning Committee of teachers will be established to ensure that not only will these spaces provide for increased academic engagement and more positive behaviors, but they will also be used to create countless opportunities to build social emotional skills, increase community engagement, and develop leadership skills in the current school year and beyond. As a result of this RREV Award, hands-on, outdoor learning will be embedded in the LRMS 6-8th grade curriculum.

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