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**ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
RECEIVES \$75,000 F.S. UPTON FOUNDATION GRANT
Funding Supports School District's One-to-One Computing Initiative**

St. Joseph, Mich. — The F.S. Upton Foundation recently awarded the St. Joseph Public Schools (SJPS) Foundation a \$75,000 grant. The funds will be distributed over the next three years for the district's One-to-One Computing project. The project is designed to supply each student, grades 6-12, with a laptop computer, netbook or iPad. This will allow each student to access information and classroom presentations from anywhere at any time. It will also let students use digital textbooks, take online classes and do presentations from different locations.

The SJPS Foundation has committed \$200,000 over the next three years to help the St. Joseph Public Schools accomplish its One-to-One Computing goal. The Foundation has adopted the motto: "Giving all our students the world at their fingertips."

The F.S. Upton Foundation grant is a significant contribution toward raising funds for the initiative. Based on the terms of the grant, the SJPS Foundation will need to match the \$25,000 awarded by the F.S. Upton Foundation each year. The SJPS Foundation President Bill Marohn said, "The F.S. Upton Foundation has once again demonstrated its commitment to our community and the students in the St. Joseph Public Schools. We are grateful for their donation and will seek support from other donors to match their generous contribution."

The St Joseph Public Schools Foundation has been the recipient of F.S. Upton Foundation support over the years. In addition to this present grant, it has also received grants to help with construction of a community sign and the renovation of the Upton Planetarium at the district's Upton Middle School.

The St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation was established in 1996 by a group of citizens to ensure that the quality of education for students is maintained at a high standard. Independent of the school district, this group of volunteers is committed to securing and delivering the needed support for maintaining, expanding and enhancing educational opportunities for the district's children and, thus, improving the future of the community. To participate in the "Brick by Brick" fundraiser or to learn more about the Foundation, visit www.stjosephpublicschoolsfoundation.org or call (269) 926-3252.

For additional information please visit the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation web site at www.stjosephpublicschoolsfoundation.org or contact Christine Waterhouse, Foundation Coordinator at 926-3252 or cwaterhouse@sjschools.org.