

New Bedford public schools awarded nearly \$100,000 in grants

New Bedford Public Schools was recently awarded \$97,000 from several grants.

- \$50,000 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center for high school and middle school science equipment, including virtual science labs.
- \$20,000 for the Twilight Program at Whaling City Alternative High School, an enriched after-school academics program that includes online learning and college and career readiness.
- \$17,000 in summer enhancement funding from the U.S. Department of Education, through its 21st Century Community Learning Centers by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, for Lincoln and Ashley schools, where students will work with the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the New Bedford Whaling Museum to develop a publishable text focusing on city history.
- \$10,000 from the New Bedford Education Foundation and \$3,500 from Bristol County Savings Bank for Homework Helpers, an innovative call-in television show produced by and aired on New Bedford Cable Access.

“We are extremely pleased with these grant awards as they recognize important programs geared toward the education of all our students here in New Bedford,” said Superintendent Pia Durkin. “Our schools and educators have demonstrated their innovative approaches to teaching, and through these grants we can fund more programs that contribute to our building an excellent school system.”