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Tennessee Receives Verizon Foundation Grant for Online Resources

Nashville, TN – The Tennessee Department of Education has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation to provide training to teachers statewide on the thousands of free, standards-based education resources available through Verizon Thinkfinity (www.thinkfinity.org). This is the second year the foundation has provided this grant to the department.

Verizon Thinkfinity contains thousands of free educational resources, including K-12 lesson plans, in-class activities and videos that can be found quickly and searched by grade level, keyword or subject.

“Partnerships are vital during this time of transition in Tennessee,” Education Commissioner Timothy Webb said. “The Verizon Foundation’s contribution helps continue our commitment to using technology in the classroom and increasing professional development as we implement new standards through the Tennessee Diploma Project.”

Verizon Thinkfinity offers elementary through high school teachers resources across eight academic disciplines, including science, English and math, to improve student achievement.

The grant was announced today during the Department of Education’s annual Tennessee Education Technology Conference. The grant will be used to provide professional development opportunities to classroom teachers statewide through on-site and online training.

“Training our teachers is one of the best investments we can make and through collaboration with the Verizon Foundation, we have access to even more resources that are available to every teacher statewide,” said Dr. Connie Smith, Assistant Commissioner for Accountability, Teaching and Learning.

The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, supports the advancement of literacy and K-12 education through its signature program, Thinkfinity.org, and fosters awareness and prevention of domestic violence. For more information, visit www.verizonfoundation.org.

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