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HEADLINE: POLYGUARD DONATES TO HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

ENNIS, TX – Polyguard Products, Inc. has made a \$5,000 donation to the Ennis High School Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students to help the group with the funding necessary to operate their club.

At Ennis High, STEM uses those core educational methods by combining them into developing practical solutions to starting a company, designing engineering practices and building a team concept. The local STEM team does this by racing remote controlled cars that can be modified within certain parameters to compete with other high schools across the state.

For Polyguard, this program fits into its local mission of helping provide educational opportunities for students.

“We felt this group epitomizes what we are here to support in our community,” CEO John Muncaster said. “These students are learning and utilizing many of the aspects of critical thinking by using what they’ve learned and applying it to a real-world solution. This is exactly what our technical, engineering and production teams do on a day-to-day basis in our company.”

The STEM students were invited to Polyguard on Feb. 8 to make a pitch for funding, but President Shawn Eastham told the students Polyguard would commit far more than what was requested.

As part of the agreement, Polyguard’s engineers agreed to help explain and go through some of the processes they go to in order to problem solve and to create innovative solutions in the manufacturing world, which can be used in any field of engineering. Polyguard’s marketing team will help the club as well. The students and sponsors were also allowed to tour the Ennis facility.

The students did not expect such an investment.

“We were overjoyed whenever it was announced how much they would be giving the club,” the students said. “It really gives us hope for our future.”

The club's sponsors were equally excited.

"We want to express our appreciation to Polyguard for their financial support and willingness to work with our students in developing their engineering skills and concepts," they said in a prepared statement.

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