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Northland Foundation supports local tutoring program

Volunteers in Education (VinE) was recently awarded \$12,000 from the Northland Foundation to further develop tutor training for their volunteer tutor program.

Eighty VinE tutors currently work with students in the schools of Tower-Soudan, North Woods in Cook, Northeast Range in Babbitt, Cherry, South Ridge in Culver, Franklin Elementary in Eveleth, Nelle Shean Elementary in Gilbert, and Eveleth-Gilbert Junior High. The Northland Foundation grant will fund the further development of VinE's tutor training which will continue to improve this essential program.

VinE site coordinators work with teachers to identify students who need additional one-on-one or small group support, then connect students with volunteer tutors from the community. VinE tutors provide the support students need to increase their academic achievement while engaging community members in their schools.

Since 1986, the Northland Foundation has awarded more than 4,100 grants totaling over \$30 million to nonprofit organizations in northeastern Minnesota, many of which are located on the Iron Range. This grant cycle is no different with 12 of 33 grant awardees serving the people of the Iron Range.

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