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Hello,

My name is David Bennett with Next Financial Group in Oxford, Mississippi. As a former High School teacher, I have seen firsthand the need for Financial Education in our public schools.

Many schools offer some kind of Financial Literacy Program as an elective class or a small portion of another subject such as Government or History. Many times these classes are offered but are not taken advantage of because a student may choose to take another elective such as art, music, or sports.

In some cases where these classes are offered the teacher faces very limited resources. A lot of school districts simply do not have the money to provide a teacher, books, and learning materials for a Financial/Investing class.

I would suggest offering a grant available to school districts can apply for to cover the costs of offering such classes.

I would also suggest that FINRA encourage Financial Professionals to reach out to their local schools to offer their knowledge and expertise and serve as a free resource to teachers who want to add Financial/investing Literacy to their classes.

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