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Thank you Sandie.

Who is excited about summer vacation?

I'm here today to share with you something that is very exciting for us --- something new that will await you when you return to school in the fall after your summer vacation fun.

EM is proud to partner with Bench Elementary through the Partners in Education program. Many of you have seen our employees here at Bench every month this school year talking about exciting careers involving science, technology, engineering and math. We've also partnered with some of your sixth grade classmates to design and execute our Chicks in Science booth and experiment. Through these activities, we hope that we encourage you to follow your love of science and math. We believe that laying the foundation for our future innovators, problem-solvers, scientists, engineers and leaders all starts right here, right now in elementary school.

Today, we're announcing encouragement of another sort. ExxonMobil is committing \$25,000 to help bring hands-on STEM learning to schools through **Project Lead the Way**, a new curriculum which will be piloted at Bench and four other SD2 elementary schools for the next school year.

We know you have the curiosity and the skill to do well in science, math, engineering and technology. This grant – together with the guidance of your great teachers – will provide you with tools to help you really excel.

With this contribution, we are investing in your future and the future of our country, our industries and the economy --- and we think that's an investment that makes a lot of sense.

We're proud to partner with the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools to implement **Project Lead the Way** and hope other partners in the community will join us on this.