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School technology gets funding boost

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Killarney School is one of 12 North American schools participating in a pilot project with Calgary-based SMART Technologies to test its new SMART table.

As the grade 1 to 3 students put the tabletop SMART board to the test Thursday morning, Alberta Education announced it was spending \$6.8 million to help fund classroom technology research projects.

Twenty-six school boards across Alberta will receive matching grants of up to \$300,000 to fund projects exploring ways of educating staff about the use of classroom technology or methods of managing these new educational tools.

The grants are part of the \$56-million Innovative Classrooms Technology Funding announced in last spring's budget.

The Calgary Board of Education will receive funding for a pilot project that offers professional development for principals and assistant principals which is "self-paced and available any time and any place."

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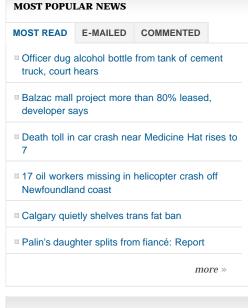
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