

This video was created to showcase how teachers across Litchfield Elementary School District #79 are preparing students for real-world success by incorporating practical, hands-on financial literacy into math instruction. In this lesson, the teacher assigned jobs to students based on their yearly grade. Each profession came with a corresponding salary, student loans, living expenses, and unexpected financial challenges, such as a flat tire. Students were challenged to balance their income and expenses while making informed financial decisions, reinforcing the importance of budgeting, responsible spending, and career planning. The target audience for this video includes LESD79 families, community members, and educators, providing insight into how the district integrates real-world applications into the classroom. It also serves as a valuable resource for stakeholders and education professionals interested in how LESD79 empowers students with critical financial and decision-making skills. The key messages emphasized the value of education, financial literacy, and the reality of managing living expenses, helping students connect classroom learning to their future. To maximize engagement, the video was shared on LESD79's social media platforms, including YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram. This gave families and the community a firsthand look at the innovative teaching methods used in district classrooms. Parents and community members praised the district's dedication to preparing students for life beyond school. This video effectively communicates LESD79's commitment to innovative, real-world learning by highlighting how classroom instruction directly applies to students' futures. Families gained a greater appreciation for the district's efforts to equip students with essential life skills, while students benefited from an engaging, interactive experience that inspired them to think critically about their career paths and financial futures. By bringing math to life through practical, hands-on learning, LESD79 continues to bridge the gap between academic instruction and real-world application, reinforcing the district's commitment to educational excellence and student success.