

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**WHITNEY GIFTS SHERIDAN JUNIOR HIGH MONEY FROM CMS SALVAGE**  
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Val Burgess, Chairperson of the Education Committee of Whitney Benefits, Inc., announces a gift to SCSD #2 Junior High for \$7,491.40 for new educational equipment. Whitney Benefits Inc. gifted the \$7,491.40, which came from the public auction of surplus items in the (previous) Central Middle School (CMS). The items that were sold were surplus items that remained attached to the building. These salvage items included miscellaneous items from the arts departments, student lockers and cabinets from the science department areas. The \$7,491.40 is be used to purchase educational equipment for the Science and Art Departments at the new Sheridan Junior High complex.

The Board, as an entity, and the Trustees, as individuals, are charged with the duty to fulfill the purposes articulated by Mr. Whitney in his Will. Whitney Trustees are charged to advance the general state of educational and vocational opportunities to the residents. Whitney's continued intent is the encouragement of educational opportunities, which lead to a greater interest in educational and vocational opportunities in Sheridan County.

Mary Ellen McWilliams, Whitney Benefits Trustee said, "Whitney is and should be a model for collaboration to and among the Sheridan County School districts and with Sheridan College. Through this equipment gift to Sheridan Junior High, Whitney Benefits is pleased to encourage and support our students as they prepare for the new jobs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Whitney is delighted to assist the Sheridan Junior High to enhance educational and vocational opportunities for the Sheridan Community."