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Shelburne Middle School's BETA Academy Wins Award

Staunton City Schools is proud to announce that the Shelburne Middle School's BETA Academy was chosen by a panel of judges through the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council as the winner in the category of **"Innovation in K-12 Education Award"**. This award honors innovative use and/or development of technology in K-12 education and training. Shelburne teachers Mr. Wayne Zink and Mr. Chandler Sansing accepted the award on behalf of the school division and the BETA Academy.

The Shelburne team of teachers represents the core of the BETA Academy, which engages 8th grade learners with technology infused, project-based teaching and learning. They demonstrate that project-based learning, co-teaching, and flex-grouping in a shared space with students from all backgrounds not only works to deliver the basics, but also enables all students to engage in rigorous, higher-order critical thinking within math and science courses geared toward solving real world problems.

Staunton City Schools' teachers realize that they are lifelong learners and believe that all teachers need to study and implement new methods to assist with student learning. Through the creative use of these technologies, students are being equipped with the skills necessary to become productive members of our society.

This year, the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council accepted nominations for twenty individuals, companies, organizations and programs that best exemplified the local Shenandoah Valley spirit of technological entrepreneurship and innovation. Nominees competed for six awards, were judged by a panel of judges, and the suspense finally came to an end on May 6th when the winners were named.



Chandler Sansing and Wayne Zink, teachers at Shelburne Middle accepted the "Innovation in K-12 Education Award" award from the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council on behalf of the BETA Academy.