

## **Farmington Public Schools' teacher, Danya Stump, worked with Build Up Michigan and PBS to provide developmental resources to families**

*Farmington, MI --* Danya Stump, early childhood special education teacher for the Farmington Early Childhood Program in Farmington Public Schools, worked with Build Up Michigan and PBS to provide developmental resources to families with young children.

Stump applied to join a committee of educators that partnered with Build Up Michigan, PBS, and Gud Marketing, with the goal of gathering at home resources for families across Michigan, to help young children in targeted areas of development. The committee, which met once a week throughout the summer, was comprised of teachers, social workers, principals, special education educators, representatives from the Michigan Department of Education, and other educators from around the state. Stump and her cohort gathered websites, webinars, activities, and select PBS shows to build a bank of resources for families. Additionally, they developed commercial spots featuring children from around Michigan that highlighted specific areas of development. A PBS kids show was paired with each developmental area they focused on. The developmental areas the group focused on include communication, gross motor skills, literacy, science, fine motor skills, independence, math, and social-emotional skills.

Families that are interested in learning more about the project can visit <https://buildupmi.org/thrive>. Build Up Michigan can also be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BuildUpMich/](http://www.facebook.com/BuildUpMich/).

To see the Thrive from Home Resources, please visit the District's website at <https://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/Page/494>.

"Having people from across the state come together and focus on the common goal of supporting young children was amazing," stated Stump.

Build Up helps parents and their children, ages 3 through 5, get additional educational support as they begin and continue to learn the skills needed to enter kindergarten. To learn more about Build Up Michigan visit <https://buildupmi.org/about>.



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Thank you, Danya, for volunteering your time to such a wonderful cause! To learn more about Farmington Public Schools, visit [www.farmington.k12.mi.us](http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us).