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**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Macatawa Bank is sponsoring Dave Ramsey’s *Foundations in Personal Finance* curriculum for 2400 students at 45 high schools in Michigan area schools. *Foundations in Personal Finance* is the premier curriculum for teaching financial literacy to students using interactive learning.

Ramsey developed *Foundations in Personal Finance* to teach students sound financial principles so they can avoid financial difficulties as they become adults. The lessons are taught in an entertaining, passionate, and easy-to-understand style to help students learn the financial lessons their parents have learned the hard way. Each interactive lesson is taught by Ramsey through age-specific questions. The curriculum is aligned with national and state standards with an emphasis on 21st Century Learning Skills like critical thinking, analyzing information, problem solving, and applying knowledge to new situations.

Foundations in Personal Finance is being taught in more than 10,000 schools and educational institutions.

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About Dave Ramsey

America’s trusted voice on money and business, Dave Ramsey is a personal money-management expert and extremely popular national radio personality. Four of his *New York Times* best-selling books –*Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership* – have sold more than 7 million copies combined.

In 1992, Ramsey founded The Lampo Group, Inc. to provide financial counseling, through various means, to anyone who wants to better understand the principles of proper money management. Twenty years later, the company has grown from a card table in his living room to more than 300 team members and has been voted one of the Best Places to Work in Nashville five times in a row. He runs a multi-million dollar company with a nationally recognized brand, but he defines success by the number of lives changed through his message of hope.

Ramsey offers that life-changing message as host of a nationally syndicated radio program, “The Dave Ramsey Show,” which is heard by 6 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations as well as The Dave Ramsey Channel on iHeartRadio. More than 2 million families have attended FPU classes at their workplace, church, military base, local nonprofit organization, community group or Spanish speaking organization.

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