2026–2027 Be Like Bennett Grants

Urbana 6th Grade Center - Brandon Young-Eleazar

Our Sixth Grade Center Anthem

Urbana Sixth Grade Center's "Our Sixth Grade Center Anthem" project will empower students to collaborate on writing, producing, and performing a school anthem inspired by community responses to the question, "What do you hope for my future?" The Be Like Bennett Grant will fund recording equipment and creative tools that help students build musical skills, amplify diverse voices, and foster unity, empathy, and school pride.

Leal Elementary School – Rachel Spencer

We Are Problem Solvers

This project will empower students to identify real-world problems in their community or across Illinois, develop practical solutions, and present their proposals directly to state legislators in Springfield. With support from the Be Like Bennett Grant, students will travel to the State Capitol, learn about the legislative process from elected officials and community leaders, and discover how their voices can make a difference, regardless of their age.