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Among those receiving PRISM grants are the following, pictured left to right: Brian Nelson; Karen Chassereau; Dr. Mary Ann Stanley; Twila Durden; Joseph Austin and Lesa Brown.

Local schools receive PRISM grants

PRISM, Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics, recently approved three grants totaling \$26,000 for Metter Elementary School, Metter Middle School, and Metter High School.

Candler County is one of seven school systems in the East Central Region; Mary Ella Whatley is the local PRISM coordinator.

Three years ago, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia applied for, and the National Science Foundation approved, a five-year \$94,600,000 grant to improve math and science education in Georgia. Georgia Southern University hosts the East Central PRISM Regional office.

Lesa Brown, assistant principal at Metter Elementary School, wrote and submitted their grant

application. PRISM awarded them \$10,000 to improve their math and science instruction with a greater diversity of activities.

Joseph Austin, assistant principal at Metter Middle School, wrote and submitted a successful grant application for \$10,000 for the design and implementation of multimedia math and science lessons.

Karen Chassereau, Twila Durden, Brian Nelson, and Dr. Mary Ann Stanley, science teachers at Metter High School, collaborated on a successful grant application for \$6,000 to increase student engagement in science classes and student assessment.

Several professors from Georgia Southern University will assist each school with implementation of their grants.