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OSIT LAUNCHES STEM LEADERS ACADEMY

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The Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) has selected eleven schools from Northern and Southern Nevada that will participate in the inaugural STEM Leaders Academy. The Academy will increase the quality of STEM education throughout the State by providing consulting and technical assistance to leaders from aspiring STEM schools to create a strategic plan and school-specific roadmap for achieving the Governor's STEM School Designation or advancing to a higher level.

"Through the STEM Leaders Academy, we seek to grow the number of schools in Nevada providing an equitable, high-quality STEM education to all their students. We are excited to work more closely with these eleven schools over the course of the next year," **said Brian Mitchell, Director of OSIT.**

School teams will participate in a year-long program with the following three goals:

- increasing equity and broadening participation in STEM amongst underrepresented groups;
- increasing students' interest, achievement, and awareness of STEM and STEM careers; and
- growing teacher and administrator capacity in creating a high-quality STEM learning environment.

Teams of teachers and administrators will come together over the course of the school year and receive professional development and strategic planning assistance. Schools will leave with a clear definition of STEM education and a strategic plan for improving STEM education at their sites.

The twelve schools selected for this cohort are:

Empire Elementary School, Carson City
Goynes Elementary School, North Las Vegas
Leavitt Middle School, Las Vegas
Neal Elementary School, Las Vegas
Pinecrest Academy Inspirada, Henderson
Pinecrest Academy St. Rose, Henderson
Pinecrest Academy Horizon, Henderson
Pinecrest Academy Cadence, Henderson
Staton Elementary School, Las Vegas
Swope Middle School, Reno
Yerington Elementary School, Yerington

More information about the STEM Leaders Academy can be found here:

http://osit.nv.gov/STEM/Leadership_Academy/

About OSIT

The mission of OSIT is to coordinate, support, and align efforts by K-12 and higher education, workforce development and employers to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and STEM workforce development so that Nevada's workforce can meet the demands of its growing economy.