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### OSIT Welcomes STEM Program Manager

**Carson City, NV (July 12, 2021)** – Brian Mitchell, Director of the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT), is pleased to announce the hiring of Leigh Metcalfe as OSIT's new STEM Program Manager.

As STEM Program Manager, Leigh will work with teachers, schools, and other STEM stakeholders across Nevada to enhance STEM learning experiences. Leigh will also advance the work of the Nevada STEM Networks and support OSIT's grant and funding opportunities.

"I'm excited to welcome Leigh to the OSIT team," said OSIT Director Brian Mitchell. "The knowledge and skills imbued by a high-quality STEM education have never been more in-demand. Leigh's passion for STEM and experience as an educator make her a great fit to help prepare more students for STEM careers in Nevada."

"We are pleased to welcome Leigh and believe she will complement the agency well. She has demonstrated extensive understanding of STEM learning qualities and she brings skills and experience around professional educator development that will benefit teachers and schools across the State," said OSIT STEM Program Director Tracey Howard.

"As an educator, I strove to provide every opportunity for students to engage in real-world problem-solving by applying Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to identify and innovate solutions," Leigh Metcalfe said. "I am extremely excited to expand my knowledge of the amazing work being done across the State and to help schools access the training and resources needed to enhance STEM learning experiences for all of Nevada's students."

Previously, Leigh Metcalfe worked as a high school science teacher in the Washoe County School District. She holds a Master of Science from the University of Montana, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Nevada, Reno, both with an emphasis in Environmental Education. She also has experience implementing professional development, developing curriculum, coaching teachers, and leading her peers in STEM-related initiatives.

Leigh has earned several awards for her excellence in education, including the Nevada Affiliate Educator Winner of the Award for Aspiration in Computing from NCWIT in 2018, 2019, and 2021, The Nevada STEM Teacher of the Year from OSIT in 2018, the Golden Pinecone

Sustainability Award-Educator from GREENevada in 2016, the 20 Under 40 Award from the Reno Tahoe Young Professionals Network in 2015, and the Excellence in Environmental Education Award from E. Sierra Chapter of Air and Waste Management Association in 2014.

**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. Additionally, OSIT seeks to coordinate and align state efforts to facilitate and promote broadband services, and expand IT infrastructure to Nevada's schools, healthcare institutions, and departments of public safety. OSIT also leads the Nevada STEM Advisory Council, Nevada Telecommunications Advisory Council, applies for federal funding, and administers State STEM and broadband grants.

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