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STEM Expo Helps Minneapolis Students Imagine Future Careers

November 30 at Lincoln Community School

Minneapolis Public School students and their families will have the opportunity to explore careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and learn more about programs to help them prepare for high school and beyond. The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA), Minneapolis Public Schools and Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) are sponsoring a STEM Expo November 30th at Lincoln Community School on Penn Avenue North in Minneapolis. The Expo is being organized in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Education and Achieve Minneapolis.

"This is a chance for students and their families to check out careers in fast growing areas and understand the type of courses they need to take in school," said Margaret Anderson Kelliher, MHTA President and CEO. "We know the earlier we get students thinking about their future, the more successful they become later in life."

The Expo will include a Career Alley where students can talk in small groups with STEM professionals. An Exhibit Fair will highlight after-school, community, business, and post-secondary STEM opportunities. Daytime participants will also experience a main-stage performance surrounding the wonders of science. As students visit exhibits, they will have "STEM Passports" stamped and qualify to win donated prizes.

"Students should strongly consider careers in STEM-related fields, including information technology and computer-related occupations," said DEED Commissioner Mark Phillips. "STEM disciplines are expected to generate 70,000 job openings in Minnesota between 2009 and 2019."

Three sessions will take place during the day. In the morning, approximately 350 Minneapolis 9th graders will attend the STEM Expo followed by a similar group of 8th graders in the afternoon. The evening session will be open to the community, including families, with activities for people of all ages.

"As we prepare our students to be college and career ready, it is important that we show them the depth and breadth of careers available to them in science, technology, engineering and math," said Bernadeia Johnson, superintendent, Minneapolis Public Schools. "This STEM expo is important because it broadens our students' views on STEM career options."

What: STEM Expo

When: Wednesday, November 30

Morning session – 9:30-11:45 a.m.

Afternoon session – 12:45 to 3:00 p.m.

Evening session – 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Lincoln Community School, 1200 North Penn Avenue

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