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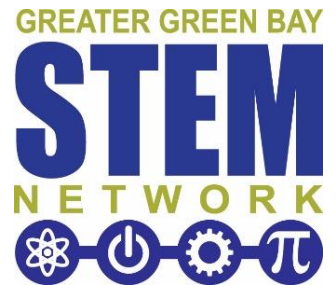
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**STEM Learning Ecosystems selects the Greater Green Bay STEM Network to join a national initiative and receives support to build regional partnerships focused on STEM Education Pathways**

*STEM Funders Network supports Greater Green Bay STEM Network in collaborations that impact youth from preschool through college and engage students during and after school*

**(San Diego, CA – May 25, 2017)** – The four-year-old Greater Green Bay STEM Network has just been selected to join the STEM Learning Ecosystems national initiative to make a significant impact on STEM education and workforce development. As announced at the U.S. News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference today, Greater Green Bay STEM Network is one of 17 regional Ecosystems added to the national initiative, which now encompasses 54 communities.

In just two years, the STEM Learning Ecosystems Initiative has become a thriving network of hundreds of organizations and thousands of individuals, joined in regional partnerships with the objective of collaborating in new and creative ways to increase equity, quality and STEM learning outcomes for all youth.

“It’s so important to consider the entire continuum of education,” said STEM Learning Ecosystem co-chairs Gerald Solomon, Executive Director, Samueli Foundation, and Ron Ottinger, Director of STEM Next. “The growing Community of Practice shares ideas and best practices for innovative learning that will benefit students’ individual development and prepare them for the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.”

The Greater Green Bay STEM Network was selected because of a demonstrated commitment to cross-sector collaborations in schools and beyond the classroom—in afterschool and summer programs, at home, with local business and industry partners, and in science centers, libraries and other places both virtual and physical. As STEM Ecosystems evolve, students will be able to connect what is learned in and out-of-school with real-world opportunities.

“It makes sense to collaborate with like-minded organizations because we share the same goal – to cultivate a healthy STEM environment in the Greater Green Bay community,” said Kelly Ellis, Executive Director of The Einstein Project and founder of the Greater Green Bay STEM Network. “STEM

Ecosystems provides technical assistance and infrastructure support so that we can accelerate our progress locally while collaborating with other groups nationally to elevate the entire educational system.”

This recognition announcement will be made to the community at a **press conference at The Einstein Project** (1255 Einstein Way, Green Bay, WI 54311) at **3:00pm today, Thursday, May 25**. Presenting at the conference will include the founding organization, The Einstein Project, and a few of the Greater Green Bay STEM Network partners. Also invited to attend: Chancellor Gary L. Miller from UWGB, Representative Eric Genrich, Senator Robert Cowles, and Senator David Hansen.

**About the Greater Green Bay STEM Network:** The Greater Green Bay STEM Network (GGBSN) was formed in 2013 to serve the Greater Green Bay area. There are over 20 actively participating organizations including a STEM resource center, K-12 schools, higher education, out-of-school-time organizations, a library system, museums, industry partners and funders. There are approximately 20 additional member organizations that contribute when possible and stay informed on current topics.

Some of the active members of the Greater Green Bay STEM Network include: Boys and Girls Club of Green Bay, Brown County Library, Children’s Museum of Green Bay, Georgia-Pacific, Green Bay Area Public School District, Greater Green Bay Chamber, NEW Water, Neville Public Museum, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Proto Makerspace, STEAM Engine, The Einstein Project, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, UW-Extension, and YWCA.

**About the STEM Funders Network:** The STEM Funders Network brings together grantmakers working in STEM to learn from one another, leverage their collective resources and collaborate on high-impact projects they could not undertake alone. The vision of the STEM Funders Network is that all students should have equal opportunity to engage in high-quality STEM learning experiences that will enhance their ability to succeed in a STEM career or other chosen path. See <http://www.stemfundersnetwork.org>. Learn more about the national initiative at [stemecosystems.org](http://stemecosystems.org).

**STEM Ecosystems funding and local supporting members of the STEM Funders Network include:** [Amgen Foundation](#), [Broadcom Foundation](#), [Burroughs Wellcome Fund](#), [Carnegie Corporation of New York](#), [KDK-Harman Foundation](#), [Motorola Solutions Foundation](#), [Overdeck Family Foundation](#), [Pinkerton Foundation](#), [Samueli Foundation](#), [Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation](#), [Simons Foundation](#), [Steinman Foundation](#), [STEM Next \(Supported by the Noyce Foundation\)](#), and [Tiger Woods Foundation](#).

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