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STEM Leadership Alliance Honors Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Estrella

Norwalk, CT (July 20, 2023) - During its annual conference this month, the STEM Leadership Alliance recognized Dr. Alexandra Estrella, superintendent of Norwalk Public Schools, for her unwavering commitment and dedication to developing an integrative STEM culture that is preparing our next generation of leaders.

The STEM Leadership Alliance also invited Estrella to speak on a panel regarding how schools can open pathways to careers by connecting integrated STEM, career technical education, and the role of artificial intelligence (AI).

“As we plan for the future, we know AI will be an inherent part of daily life, and we need to prepare our scholars with the resources we have now to learn how to innovate, discover and reimagine so they can best utilize that technology however it may be implemented,” Estrella said.

One of the key components of Norwalk Public Schools’ strategic plan is the focus on preparing scholars to be future ready. To achieve this goal, the district is rethinking what is being taught and what our scholars are learning in the classroom so they are equipped with the critical analytical skills necessary to pivot in a rapidly advancing world.

“When we think about what the work environment is going to look like when our kindergarteners graduate, the advancement is going to be so significant that it’s difficult to predict what tools and resources will be available to them when they enter the workforce. As a result, we really have to reimagine what the classroom environment feels and looks like to better prepare and align students to the shifting demands that their workplace will encompass.”

For more information about the STEM Leadership Alliance, please visit the website <https://www.stemleadershipalliance.org>.

About STEM Leadership Alliance:

The STEM Leadership Alliance (SLA) is a collaboration of the major STEM organizations, education leaders and experts, colleges/universities, businesses, non-profits, and foundations.

The STEM Leadership Alliance aims to disrupt and revolutionize STEM education through integration.

SLA is committed to bridging the gap between education and industry through advancing STEM experiences for both educators and students to address the business needs of the future. As a result of these targeted efforts, the Alliance will collectively foster STEM integration in education that prepares preK-12 and post-secondary students with the critical skills needed to compete in a changing global economy.