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Center Grove Forms STEM Advisory Task Force

GREENWOOD, IN (January 26, 2015) – Center Grove Community School Corporation is bringing together experts in fields related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for a newly formed STEM Advisory Task Force. This group will help inform the district's Strategic Planning process and provide an industry perspective on the educational needs of the future.

"Discussions during the last twelve months have helped us realize we still have a lot to learn about STEM education," said Dr. Rich Arkanoff, superintendent. "As we move forward with our Strategic Planning, we want to learn more about the STEM approach to learning and develop resources to support that approach. I've had conversations separately with several community and industry experts in the STEM-related fields. Bringing many of them together for discussions on the future of their industries will be incredibly valuable for our team and our Strategic Planning Committee."

"I'm enthusiastic that the school corporation is interested in creating this STEM Task Force," said Conrad Wong, Lilly research advisor and Center Grove parent. "Parents in the STEM industry can give real life feedback on the skillsets needed in the STEM fields."

"The Board is very pleased by how quickly the administration has been able to move on this," said Scott Alexander, Center Grove Board of School Trustees president. "We know STEM education is only going to become more and more important for students' college and career readiness. We are excited to see what goals our Strategic Planning Committee might develop for our district in this area."

The Board approved funds in November to be used toward the repurposing of the former maintenance building and to explore the concept of a STEM Lab. The superintendent is also investigating the possibility of donations from outside businesses to fund the facility.

The STEM Advisory Task Force will meet three times over the next three months. Information gathered will be presented to the Strategic Planning Committee and other planning groups within the corporation.

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