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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Six Lafayette School Corp. Teachers named Noyce Fellows

Lafayette School Corp. is pleased to introduce six new Noyce Fellows. The Noyce Microelectronics Master Teacher Fellowship Program at Purdue University, funded by the National Science Foundation and supported by SCALE K-12, was designed to develop K-12 STEM teacher leaders to meet emerging microelectronics workforce needs.

Jefferson High School teachers Brian Bettag, Melanie Gilbert, Susan Gran and Kristin Van Laere; Tecumseh teacher Allison Clegg; and Glen Acres teacher Dawn Sargent were all named Noyce Fellows.

LSC is one of only four districts in the state to have teachers as fellows, and we have the largest group from one district. Fellows will be given a stipend in exchange for continued teaching in their district; fellows without a master's degree will be provided support to further their education.

“We are preparing our kids for that future workforce, making them aware of the things they use every day, making it fun, but also giving them the technical skills to do a little bit more with that,” said Brian Bettag.

Melanie Gilbert, a marketing teacher, has integrated microelectronics into her courses in innovative ways. “Microelectronics and marketing – how do you connect that? We’ve done a lot of really cool things,” she said. She has worked with drones, and last year her class partnered with Top Golf, connecting microelectronics used in ball tracking with business and networking.

“This year we’re having a lot more technical experiences, experiences that students would not otherwise have had. All the way around, it’s been an amazing opportunity and we appreciate it.”

Photo: Brian Bettag, Melanie Gilbert, Susan Gran, Dawn Sargent, Kristin Van Laere and Allison Clegg (not pictured).

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