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Salem's Collins Middle School Receives STEM Career Pathway Capacity Grant

Salem, Mass. (2/26/18) – Collins Middle School announced today that it has received a \$10,000 grant to offer high-quality science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs from [Project Lead The Way](#) (PLTW). PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers through pathways in computer science, engineering and biomedical science. More than 10,500 schools across the country offer PLTW programs to millions of students.

“Support from Project Lead the Way is enabling our school to provide every scholar at each grade level the opportunity participate in hands-on STEM classes that promote experiential learning, emphasize data and analysis, and enable our scholars to use real world technology,” said Glenn Burns, principal of the Collins Middle School.

Collins Middle School is just one of 73 schools across the Commonwealth to receive the grant, which is supported by Massachusetts’ Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, the One8 Foundation, and Mass STEM Hub.

“It is essential that we engage our students throughout their K-12 school years with hands-on lessons in science, engineering, computer science, technology and math,” said Lt. Governor Polito.

Collins Middle School will use grant funds to strengthen its PLTW program with additional PLTW Gateway courses in computer science as well as flight and space. Funds from the grant will also support teacher professional development and the purchase of materials and equipment that will be used in the hands-on, activity-, project-, and problem-based courses.

“We are proud to partner with Collins Middle School to empower students to develop the in-demand knowledge and transportable skills to thrive in our evolving world,” said Vince Bertram, PLTW president and CEO. “Thank you to the Governor’s Office, the One8 Foundation, and Mass STEM Hub for making these grants possible and further investing in Massachusetts’ students.”

About PLTW

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW’s teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 10,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead The Way, visit pltw.org.

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