



To: CESA 6 District Administrators

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CESA 6 STEM Network (STEM Net) 2009-10

Based upon growing interest in STEM education, CESA 6 is forming a network of school district educators interested in collaboration, professional development and classroom applications in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM Net). Initial network focus will be on science and math content development at the elementary and middle school levels with opportunities for high school STEM subject educators also available.

STEM Net will offer:

- Science and math content and inquiry-based workshops and graduate-level courses
- Classroom co-teaching and coaching opportunities in collaboration with higher education, business and industry
- Scientist-in-Residence programs to bring science and math experts into schools and classrooms
- Curricular materials, resources and regular teacher best practice sessions in collaboration with UW-Madison Department of Science Outreach
- Online network to support educators per grade level and subject area
- Planning toward grant funding through the National Science Foundation (NSF) in partnership with UW-Madison Department of Science Outreach, summer-fall 2009, and
- Other STEM-related services and support requested by participating educators.

STEM Net Informational Session: June 16, 2009, 9-11 a.m. Location TBD

For district teams consisting of administrators, and personnel in curriculum, instruction and assessment. Teams of 1-5 district participants are recommended.

If you are interested in attending this informational and planning session on STEM Net opportunities, 2009-10, please contact: Mary Ann Schwandt, mschwand@cesa6.k12.wi.us, by May 25, 2009. Please indicate names and titles of attendees from your district. You will be notified of agenda and session location as number of participants is determined. If you have questions before the session, please contact Patrice Vossekul, pvosseku@cesa6.k12.wi.us, 920/279-6932.

Thank you for considering this exciting and important opportunity to improve the practice of STEM teachers and the achievement of 21st century learners.