



Coordinated by Southeast Service Cooperative
Participation Agreement

School District/Institution/Organization: Albert Lea Public Schools
Superintendent/Administrator: David Krenz
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Our School District/Institution/Organization requests participation in STEM Forward from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

STEM Forward is a regional collaboration of stakeholders in the education pipeline that explores the transdisciplinary approach to learning where academic concepts are coupled with authentic real-world lessons and relevant engaging hands-on experiences, as students apply science, technology, engineering, and math in contexts that make connections between school, community, work, and the global enterprise. STEM Forward does this through:

- Professional development supports for K-12 educators to expand teaching strategies and resources while stimulating a mindset of exploration for students.
- Workforce development structures for STEM career or college pathway alignment for learners, educators, and employers in our region.

Participating school districts, institutions, and stakeholders will experience these benefits:

- Complimentary STEM Innovation Presentations for professional development for the primary representative on the advisory board and invited guests
- Educator Forum for professional development with free attendance for all interested staff within participating organizations
- Annual complimentary Outstanding Educator Awards, program, and dinner
- Additional discounts may be offered on registration fees for SSC professional development opportunities related to STEM that are not coordinated through STEM Forward
- STEM workforce development initiatives
- Priority access to community partnerships, collaborative resources, and grant opportunities
- Notification of statewide STEM events
- Streamlined coordination and promotional efficiencies provided by SSC
- Additional value-added benefits will be offered based on evolving needs

Obligations: The district commits to the following responsibilities and costs:

- Cost per year. The participant commits to pay \$1750.00 for 2025/2026 year. New members joining after July 1 will be billed a prorated fee based on the date this agreement is executed.

Interim Superintendent Signature

David M. Krenz
David M. Krenz May 22, 2025

Printed Name: David Krenz
Date: May 22, 2025

STEM Forward Program Manager

Sarah Ness

Printed Name: Sarah Ness
Date: 5/2/2025