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Dr. Karen Gray
Parkrose School District

Dear Karen,

Relevant, hands-on, and applied learning opportunities help students unlock the power of their own potential. When students are engaged in learning with practical application, they are more likely to stay in school, graduate, and move on with a plan for their future.

One of Governor Brown's top education priorities for 2016 and beyond is to increase access to STEM and CTE learning opportunities for students across the state. This work began in the 2015 session when Governor Brown and the Legislature nearly doubled Oregon's investment in STEM and CTE opportunities for students throughout the state.

In our capacity as a P-20 agency, the Chief Education Office is charged with linking early learning, K-12 education, higher education, workforce and economic development partners, community-based organizations, and business/industry representatives, to develop a shared vision for increasing student access to STEM and other experiential learning opportunities.

With the STEM Investment Council, the Chief Education Office has developed an initial draft of a strategic plan for high quality STEM education aligned with the Governor's vision, and has begun a statewide process for gathering feedback. As a critical district and community leader we would like to invite you to a special session we will be convening in Salem on March 28th to share the current draft of the Plan and seek feedback. Please see below for the specific details.

When: March 28, 2016

Where: Chemeketa Eola, NW Wine Studies Center (Reisling + Chardonnay Rooms)
215 Doaks Ferry Road NW Salem, OR 97304

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

RSVP to: Lisa Gibson (lisa.j.gibson@state.or.us)

Thank you,

Lindsey Capps
Acting Chief Education Officer

