



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** November 14th, 2012

**Agenda #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff/Administrator:** Dave Valenzuela

**Superintendent:** Dan Huber-Kantola

**Type of Item:**       *Informational*       *Action*

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

I would like the opportunity to pursue a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) grant. This grant is an extension of an existing grant and would specifically target Illinois Valley area schools. We are currently in year four of a five year- 21st CCLC grant at Evergreen and Lorna Byrne. This non-competitive grant opportunity is available to Year #4 grantees.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

This would be our second STEM grant in the Illinois Valley. Our current STEM grant has expired, but left us with a sustainable and viable robotics program at Evergreen Elementary and Lorna Byrne Middle School. Our goals with this second STEM grant would be to help students reach targeted subject area proficiencies in Math, Science and Language Arts. We also wish to include our ELL students in our grant activities as part of their language development program. This second STEM grant will also enable us to move our existing robotics program into grades 9-12 at Illinois Valley High School.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

We will experience an increase in capacity for our STEM activities and our robotics program allowing us to expand our outreach to more students in the Illinois Valley. We also anticipate more training for IV Area teachers.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

There are no anticipated disadvantages to this proposal at this time.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

Without this grant opportunity, we would be unable to expand our STEM activities and robotics program.

**Superintendent's recommendation(s):**

**Approve:** Yes  No