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White Bear Lake Area Schools celebrates STEM initiative

Middle schools and high school campuses receive Project Lead the Way distinction

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minn. – Students, families, and community and staff members recently gathered to celebrate the White Bear Lake Area School District’s Project Lead the Way STEM initiative. White Bear Lake Area High School North and South Campuses received site certification, which will allow District students the opportunity to earn college credit. Central Middle School and Sunrise Park Middle Schools were awarded Program of Distinction status.

“Our STEM accomplishments have been a team effort of dedicated teaching professionals, our administrators and our community partners working together on behalf of our students,” said School Board Chair Lori Swanson. “The White Bear Lake Area School Board greatly appreciated the efforts of all those involved in this initiative.”

The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering program offers students science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning that is hands-on, based in real-world experience, and fun for students and teachers. The highest standards are set for rigorous, focused, and engaging study, developing students’ innovative, collaborative, cooperative, and problem-solving skills.

White Bear Lake Area Schools is the only district in the area to attain both levels of recognition during the first year of implementation.

The event served as a kick-off for the District’s Gateway Academy summer camp. The second week-long session of the camp is July 19-

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Teachers and administrator members of the District's Project Lead the Way initiative team, along with the first cohort of students to participate in the Gateway Academy Summer Camp.



Teachers for the District's Project Lead the Way courses, representing Central and Sunrise Park Middle Schools and the White Bear Lake Area High School North and South Campuses.



Project Lead the Way Celebration.



Presentation of the Project Lead the Way banner to Central Middle School.