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EIGHT LOCAL SCHOOLS AWARDED GRANTS TO IMPROVE STEM EDUCATION

WHAT: Carnegie Science Center, in collaboration with The Heinz Endowments, awarded mini-grants to eight local schools participating in the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway. The \$3,000 mini-grants will aid these schools in their commitment to improving STEM education. All of the schools have completed a self-evaluation of their current STEM programming and created an action plan to improve the STEM education programs in their schools and districts.

These schools are in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties, and more than half of them are under-resourced schools. The goals of these grant proposals include professional development, computer science education, family engagement, and STEM careers awareness. The grants will be awarded at a workshop hosted at Carnegie Science Center, which will include an opportunity designed specifically for these schools to network based on their grant-funded projects and begin building collaborative relationships.

The winning Pathway Partners are: Baldwin-Whitehall School District, Deer Lakes School District, South Allegheny School District, Forbes Road Career & Technology Center, Our Lady of Grace School, St. Rosalia Academy, Woodland Hills Academy, and Yough School District.

WHEN: **Wednesday, Jan. 11, 8-8:45 am:**
Our Lady of Grace School, St. Rosalia Academy, Yough School District, Forbes

Road Career & Technology Center

Thursday, Jan. 12, 8-8:45 am:

South Allegheny School District, Baldwin-Whitehall School District, Woodland Hills Academy, Deer Lakes School District

WHERE: Carnegie Science Center
One Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

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