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## CHENEY HIGH SCHOOL, CHENEY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN INITIATIVE TO FUEL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS IN STEM EDUCATION

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Cheney High School, Cheney Middle School and Westwood Middle School have been selected to be among 45 schools across Washington state to participate in a cutting-edge initiative to provide teachers with stronger professional development in math and science teaching aligned to Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

We are thrilled to be able to provide this professional development opportunity to our staff!

Washington STEM's professional development initiative for STEM teachers, called STEM-PD, builds on a pilot project in the Anacortes, Nooksack, Bellevue, Renton, and Highline school districts. The professional development initiative uses state-of-the art technology that enables teachers to take charge of their own professional learning. Additionally, six teachers, with a history of excellence in teaching, will be participating and sharing their practice as they explore new ways to use technology in their professional learning. With this technology, teachers can collaborate, share and learn from one another, and even request real-time coaching. For a statewide list of schools participating in the initiative go to [www.washingtonstem.org/stem-pd](http://www.washingtonstem.org/stem-pd).

STEM-PD is part of Washington STEM's nearly \$4 million in investments announced today that support innovative, regionally based programs aimed at improving teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, and math across Washington state. The statewide nonprofit's investments have two main focuses: (1) Continuing the growth of regional [STEM Networks](#) across the state and (2) Expanding its cutting-edge professional development initiative to help teachers with implementation of the Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. Washington STEM is investing \$2.5 million to expand the STEM-PD initiative to 45 schools statewide, the majority of which are in STEM Networks.

"These investments will bring STEM professionals, educators, and communities together to improve STEM education and prepare our students for the STEM careers that drive Washington state's economy," said Patrick D'Amelio, Washington STEM CEO. "The Networks will improve STEM education coordination in their community and across the state; and rigorous, high-quality teacher professional development will help ensure students in the classroom are STEM literate."

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<http://www.cheneysd.org>



## About Washington STEM

Washington STEM is a statewide nonprofit advancing excellence, equity, and innovation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. Launched in March 2011 with support from the business, education, and philanthropic communities, our goal is to reimagine and revitalize STEM education across Washington. For more information, go to [www.washingtonstem.org](http://www.washingtonstem.org)

