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Hundreds of District of Columbia Students in Grade 6-12 Showcase Innovation, Ingenuity at 2016 DC STEM Fair

Daylong celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math features hundreds of student projects and a STEM Expo for students, parents and teachers

WHAT: The [2016 DC STEM Fair](#) on Saturday, March 19 gives more than 200 District of Columbia public, public charter, parochial, private and homeschool students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to showcase their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in a diverse array of projects. More than 100 volunteers from local universities, STEM professional organizations, research groups and STEM employers will judge the projects and choose the top three, which will advance to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, held in Phoenix, Arizona in May.

The daylong festivities include a STEM Expo where students, parents and teachers can participate in hands-on STEM activities. The event also features for the first time a mini-maker fair where participants can engage in a variety of do-it-yourself projects, such as making personalized, flavored lip balm from scratch. Finally, for educators, the DC STEM Fair will feature a professional development opportunity, co-sponsored by the Tiger Woods Foundation, for about 100 District teachers.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Journalists and photojournalists seeking human interest, education and/or science stories and images. Please RSVP to Fred.Lewis@dc.gov if you plan to attend.

WHO WILL BE THERE:

- Hanseul Kang, state superintendent of education
- Jennie Niles, deputy mayor for education
- US Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
- Members of the DC Council (invited)
- Members of the DC State Board of Education
- Senior officials from Battelle and Northrop Grumman (DC STEM Fair co-sponsors)

WHEN: **Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (STEM Expo runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**

WHERE: Dunbar Senior High School, 101 N St. NW, Washington, DC

BACKGROUND: The DC STEM Fair is presented by the DC STEM Network, a collaboration between the Carnegie Academy for Science Education (CASE) and the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). The Network's mission is to unite community partners in a sustainable collective effort to design, guide and advocate for transformative STEM learning opportunities for all DC students. The DC STEM Fair is sponsored by CASE, OSSE, the Battelle Memorial Institute and Northrop Grumman.

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