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Incline Middle School Joins Prestigious STEM Leaders Academy

Incline Middle School (IMS) is thrilled to have been selected for the prestigious **STEM Leaders Academy** by the Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology (OSIT). This exciting invitation follows IMS's success in earning recognition as a Nevada STEM Designated School, a title reserved for schools that stand out in science, technology, engineering, and math education.

The year-long STEM Leaders Academy is designed to elevate STEM education across Nevada, providing schools with support, resources, and professional development to become statewide leaders in STEM teaching. Lis Dziminski, STEM Program Manager at OSIT, explained that during the academy, schools develop customized long-term strategic plans to solidify STEM education, broaden student access to STEM opportunities, boost student engagement, and enhance teacher expertise. IMS's participation puts it on the path to become a MODEL school in the Governor's STEM School Designation, an honor that showcases schools preparing students for future careers in STEM.

The IMS team includes four teachers from key subject areas—Math, Science, English Language Arts/Social Studies, and Special Education—alongside Principal Dan Lediard. Together, they'll work with the Nevada STEM Framework to design a strategic

roadmap that embeds STEM principles into daily learning and makes STEM education accessible to all IMS students. As an added benefit, each team member will have the opportunity to earn a National Certificate for STEM Teaching from the National Institute for STEM Education, underscoring their commitment to exceptional STEM instruction.

Upon completing the program, IMS will be eligible to apply for a \$25,000 grant from the Nevada Governor's OSIT to bring their STEM vision to life. This funding would enable IMS to launch programs that teach real-world problem-solving, increase student engagement, build community partnerships, and connect STEM learning to college and career opportunities.

Incline Middle School's participation in the STEM Leaders Academy is a huge leap forward, equipping students with the skills and confidence they need to succeed in STEM fields. This transformative experience will ensure that IMS students are ready for lifelong learning and thriving careers in a rapidly evolving, technology-driven world.

Learn more about the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology's STEM Leaders Academy here.
https://osit.nv.gov/STEM/NV_STEM_Framework