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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Matt Dorschner, Director of Teaching and Learning

DATE: February 8, 2018

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: University of Minnesota STEM Center Grant

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Personalization

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Workshop

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: February 15, 2018

REPORT

South Washington County Schools had been a partner in the \$8 million grant with the University of MN STEM Center for the past few years and our time in the grant is coming to a close. This grant provides professional development to teachers of Science in grades 4-8 as well as the training and support to create engineering lessons. From the beginning the goal of the grant has been to publish research based units created by these teams of teachers. This year, those units are being field tested for a final time to be published in the next year.

South Washington County Schools has 5 teachers who have developed units being published as a result of our participation in the grant and 10 teachers involved with field testing this year.