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Subject: New STEM/CTE/Partnership Leadership

Dear Colleague:

Tomorrow our communications office will post a [news release](#) announcing Dr. Dana Riley Black has accepted our offer to succeed John Aultman as our district's executive director of STEM, Strategic Partnerships, and Legislative Affairs. I believe it is important for you to be aware of this leadership change before it is announced publicly, and to have some background on the change.

John started this week working for Governor Jay Inslee as his "Executive Policy Advisor for Higher Education and Workforce Development." This is a significant level of leadership in our state, and we are very happy for John as he joins Governor Inslee's leadership team and assumes these new duties.

John has done incredible work for us in his role with us as executive director of STEM and partnerships. As a result of his work with the STEM team and local and regional businesses and government entities, we have established much stronger district-wide partnerships. These partnerships are helping make robotics possible at EVERY district school. Partnerships mean internships and research mentors for students – and summer externship for teachers. More than a dozen Microsoft [TEALS](#) volunteers are working hand-in-hand with computer science teachers in our districts.

We were extraordinarily fortunate three years ago when The Boeing Company, city of Everett, Frontier Communications, Providence Health and Services and our Foundation pooled funds and resources to make the STEM position possible. We are sad to see John leave us, AND we know his work at the state level will continue to benefit our students – and others in the state.

Many staff are familiar with John's successor. As a team member of the [Logan Center for Education, Institute for Systems Biology](#), Dr. Dana Riley Black has worked with our middle and high school teachers in math and science instructional strategies. She is the architect of *Observing Evidence of Learning* (OEL), which is a key to our students' continuous learning improvement in science and math as well as a foundational component of our instructional professional development efforts.

Dana will begin with us on February 1. With her arrival, we will mark the beginning of the next phase of our STEM/CTE program integration and development, and the next stage of our strategic partnership building with key business, non-profit, and government partners. I invite you to browse the information we will be sharing with media (at the link above) and through our [Facebook](#) and Twitter pages – and join in the welcome we will give Dana when she is introduced to the school

board on Jan. 12.

Warm wishes,

Gary



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