**South Metro-Salem**

**STEM Education Partnership**

Teacher Focus Groups about the South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership

Vision, Mission and Transformations

Hosts:  STEM Partnership Members

Location:

 OIT Wilsonville Campus

 Evergreen Space Museum

 Chemeketa Community College

Agenda

* Opening Remarks : TBD
* Team Member: Present draft Vision, Mission, Transformations (solid “strawman”)
* Education Leader: Why I am involved in the partnership
* Conduct focus groups or break-out sessions: discuss the vision, mission, deliverables, transformations?
	+ Do teachers share this vision?  Will it change or increase STEM education in the region?  How? What interests them?  What are the highest priorities?
	+ What help do teachers need to teach the science content skills (physical, life, earth & space) and the science process skills (scientific inquiry, engineering design) in the science standards?
	+ Would teachers value involvement of business, higher ed, and community partners to integrate science and engineering work samples into their curriculum, per common core standards? How might this work? Could a technology center (such as Evergreen) to connect teachers to resources serve this purpose?
	+ How important are relationships between schools and post-secondary partners to help students prepare for and transition to college?
	+ What are the best next steps for identifying focus schools?
* Action / Brief closing remarks: thank you. Ask participants to indicate their interest in being involved through a questionnaire.
* Social Hour

Materials

* Copy of Mission, Vision, Deliverables document
* List of current partners
* Questionnaire:
	+ Contact info
	+ Interest level – list three strategies
	+ Indicate interest in making an introduction to principal, superintendent, other teachers?

Proposed Dates: Weeks of October 15th or 22nd

Day: Thursday afternoon or Friday morning?

Time: three hours

Refreshments: yes