

## PHILADELPHIA STEM ECOSYSTEM October 2017

- **National Movement.** The Philadelphia STEM Ecosystem is one of fifty-four national STEM Ecosystems, supported by the STEM Funders Network and based on a collective impact model. The purpose of the STEM Ecosystems is to facilitate coordination, communication, and collaboration around STEM education to optimize student impact.
- **Ecosystem Opportunities.** STEM Ecosystem members participate in virtual and face-to-face communities of practice, are invited to special meetings and webinars, and receive training and customized technical assistance.
- **Backbone Organization.** As the backbone organization, the Philadelphia Education Fund sets the vision and mission, facilitates communication and connections among Ecosystem members, and ensures the continuance of the local Ecosystem movement.
- **Steering Committee.** The Steering Committee is a small group of Ecosystem members, including Workgroup representatives, that cultivates synergy between the Ecosystem goals, activities, and Workgroups.
- **Workgroups.** The Philadelphia STEM Ecosystem currently supports four Workgroups devoted to: 1) Professional Development; 2) Community Partnerships; 3) Computer Science; 4) Social Justice; and 5) Education for Sustainability. Workgroups meet monthly and implement projects that are authentic and manageable.
- **Members.** Members are stakeholders actively engaged in local STEM education efforts. Members' organizations include schools and school districts, intermediaries and community-based organizations, museums and environmental centers, colleges and universities, government agencies, and businesses and corporations.
- **Additional Information.** For additional information, contact Nancy Peter, Director of the McKinney Center for STEM Education at the Philadelphia Education Fund: [npeter@philaedfund.org](mailto:npeter@philaedfund.org).

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