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## **Multiple Farmington Public Schools' teachers presented at the Educators in Industry showcase at Oakland Schools**

*Farmington, MI* – Oakland Schools and MiSTEM offered an Educators in Industry experience, in an effort to build relevance of content and curriculum connections to careers and future readiness. The partnership also helps industry professionals connect with educators to support a pipeline for future professionals in their industries. Ten Farmington Public Schools (FPS) educators participated in this experience.

This experience spanned over a five month period. The 10 educators that joined in the experience represent K-5, 6-8, and 9-12, grades and have curriculum expertise in art, math, and science. The three expertise teams, partnering with colleagues from different districts, engaged in three different industries including manufacturing, construction, and Interior Design.

The industry partners included Commercial Contracting Corp (science), Oxus America (math), and Interior Environments (art). Throughout November and December of 2023, educators in their respective categories visited their industry parents' organization. The learning consisted of why career readiness is important, a tour of the facilities, curriculum connections to industry experience, panel discussion with employees, collegial discussions over lunch, and a rapid design of a lesson based on currently learning in the classroom and the experience of the day.

The curriculum team, consisting of all the educators that attended an industry visit, participated in a virtual industry partnership reflection and design instruction feedback. Following this, they begin to work with their students to incorporate their experience into lessons, or special projects to share at the final showcase.

On March 4, 2024, the industry partners and educators met to share their work and to celebrate their partnership.

Congratulations to the following Farmington Public Schools educators that presented at the showcase hosted at Oakland Schools: Catilyn Bonnani from Lanigan Elementary School, Emily Burkett from Farmington High School, Kim Sharplin of North Farmington High School, Leslie



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Svokemcaskill from Farmington High School, and Lindsey Wolfe of Longacre Elementary School. A special thank you to Jennifer Kluesner, Oakland Schools' K-12 Career Readiness Consultant, Kim Kocsis, MiSTEM Region Director, and Nyasha Boyd, FPS Career Readiness Coordinator for their hard work throughout the series. All 10 educators were able to earn stipends and SCECHs commensurate with their participation throughout the program.

To learn more about Farmington Public Schools, visit [www.farmington.k12.mi.us](http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us).