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Leaders Discuss Partnerships Advancing STEM Education at Sensata

Featuring Robert LePage, assistant secretary of Career Education, MA Executive Office of Education; Michael Tamasi, president & CEO, AccuRounds; Dr. Laura Douglas, president, Bristol Community College; & Audrey Sears, student, Envision the Future & Sensata Mentoring

“Educating for the Future, 2020 & Beyond” was the theme of the SE MA STEM Network event **Partnerships Advancing STEM Education** on Wednesday, February 28, 3:30 – 5:45 pm at Sensata Technologies in Attleboro. Participants representing PK-12 education, business & community, higher education faculty & staff, community organizations, parents, and elected officials attended.

Highlights included welcoming remarks from Sensata’s President and CEO Martha Sullivan along with Robert LePage, assistant secretary of Career Education, MA Executive Office of Education, who provided insights pertaining to the Commonwealth’s STEM priorities and initiatives illustrating how all students can develop the STEM skills they need to succeed in the 21st century workplace.

Following welcoming remarks, a panel facilitated by Bridgewater State University President Fred Clark discussed the importance of successful business & education partnerships, illustrating how they are beneficial to business, educators, and students. Panelists, representing a wide variety of STEM stakeholders including: PK-16 educators, business leaders, administrators, higher education staff, and community members, shared how they focus their efforts on providing work-based learning opportunities for educators and students, raising awareness about early college career pathways, and fostering interest in STEM fields within underrepresented student populations.

More than twenty exhibitors representing education, business, government, and community organizations provided resources and activities to engage all STEM stakeholders. Exhibitors included: AccuRounds, Attleboro Public Library, Attleboro Public Schools, Bristol Community College - Center for Workforce, Hockomock YMCA, First Robotics, Project Kangaroo, Project Lead the Way, and South Coast Educational Collaborative. In addition, *Envision the Future* participants joined their STEM community team exhibitors to demonstrate how they have replicated components of the 2015 program.

Event Resources:

- [Program Agenda](#)
- [Career Information – Resources for Middle & High School Students, Counselors, and Parents](#)
- [STEM and Workforce Initiatives](#)
- [BCC Partnerships](#) and [BCC Workforce STEM Course Projects](#)

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