



PILOT PROJECT 2017-2018



**IDAHO
STEM**
ACTION CENTER

BRIGHT SPOT WONDER MEDIA STORY MAKER®

WONDER MEDIA STORY MAKER® PILOT PROJECT

ABOUT

The Wonder Media Story Maker® pilot program provides cutting-edge software and equipment to classrooms across the state. This supports a multifaceted approach to improving literacy and student engagement through animation and storytelling. Students build their technical and computer skills as they write, design, animate, and produce their own short videos in an innovative, interdisciplinary project.

THE APPROACH

Idaho hosts the first statewide collaboration with Wonder Media Story Maker® through the STEM Action Center. Superintendent Jeff Dillon of Wilder and his team of educators created a curriculum specific to Idaho's needs, talents, and aspirations. The Idaho STEM Action Center awarded 6 qualified elementary and middle schools the complete Wonder Media Story Maker® technology package, training, and curriculum. This met the needs of a variety of communities including Melba, Notus, Kuna, Soda Springs and Eagle which allowed students to personalize their learning in new and unique ways.

THE RESULTS

By partnering with Wonder Media Story Maker® and KBOI2-TV, the Idaho STEM Action Center gathered \$97,000 of external support for this project. This allowed the project to impact more students. Qualified PSAs created by students with their new Wonder Media Story Maker® technology will be aired by KBOI2-TV.



**STEM stands for Science,
Technology, Engineering and Math.
It's in these subjects students learn
the 21st century skills of critical
thinking, problem solving and
collaboration. The STEM Action
Center is here to support Idahoans
and to develop the skilled workforce
necessary for the economy to thrive.**



CREATING A COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE

Today's students will be tomorrow's workforce, and high-quality STEM education ensures they will have the skills that Idaho employers need. Industry participation is essential for success and the STEM Action Center is here to help make that participation easier. We've created many ways for Idaho businesses to engage with STEM education. From mentoring and volunteering to donating and partnering – you can help drive the economy forward by closing the gaps in Idaho's workforce.

“ We are pleased to support Idaho's STEM Action Center as it helps us further our mission. Their efforts to coordinate STEM activities, align education with workforce needs, and increase awareness of STEM throughout the state is notably helping to prepare Idaho's workforce of tomorrow. ”



Mark Peters
Director, Idaho National
Laboratory

INDUSTRY PARTNERS



TODAY'S EFFORTS. TOMORROW'S SUCCESSES.

Through investing in STEM education today we can help Idaho become a premier STEM business destination tomorrow. Engaging educators, students, and industry partners is key to building a bright future right here in Idaho.

LEARN MORE

To learn more about the STEM Action Center's strategies, success stories, and positive impacts in your community, visit our interactive map at stem.idaho.gov/impact or email: admin@stem.idaho.gov.



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