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Idaho students use ITD data to find solutions in their classrooms and communities

BOISE, Idaho (May 16, 2024) — Idaho STEM Action Center and Idaho Department of Education, in conjunction with other partners around the state, recently developed a new curriculum program to connect Idaho students with problems in the Gem State. “Do the Math. Save a Life!” challenges students to use crash data to raise awareness of the prevalence of traffic crashes and to employ Idaho Transportation Department’s online crash-data dashboards. These lessons help students learn how to use math in real-world situations, bringing STEM directly into the classroom.

Teachers involved in creating the program were from Cassia County School District, Lewis-Clark State College, Nampa School District, Boise One Stone, and Palouse Prairie Charter School in Moscow. Idaho STEM Action Center and Horizon Credit Union funded the initiative.

The STEM Action Center and IDE received an Innovative Partnership Award last week at ITD’s Highway Safety Summit luncheon for developing their “Do the Math. Save a Life!” curriculum.

“Idaho STEM Action Center works hard to support both learning in the classroom and partnerships between schools and employers. In working with the Idaho Transportation Department, we have been able to contribute to an engaging curriculum that brings real-world data into the classroom,” said Katie Bösch-Wilson, STEM Education Coordination Officer for Idaho STEM Action Center.

Visit shift-idaho.org/do-the-math for learn more about the teacher curriculum, itd.aashtowaresafety.net/itd-safety-dashboards to explore the dashboards, and bit.ly/DoTheMathVideo to watch the training video on YouTube.

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