### Welcome to the Virtual STEM Meet-up!

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### Virtual STEM Meet Up

### The STEM Education Center at WPI

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### <u>Agenda</u>

- Introduction
- Teacher Resource Page updates
- Explore 2 STEM Resources
  - PBS Learning Media presented by Paula Halligan
  - Padlet presented by Tiffany Davis
- Group Padlet activity: share successes, challenges, and ideas
- Group discussion
- Closing





# Last week, many educators shared that their current major challenge was student engagement

What has been the level of your students' engagement this week?









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Which nature-analogy best represents how your students are engaged this week?









## We envision a society in which educators are empowered to guide relevant, integrated, and inclusive STEM with their students and community

The greatest impact is achieved by <u>empowering educators</u> to guide their students in high-quality STEM experiences





High-quality STEM education is integrated and focuses on <u>problem solving</u>

Sustainable systemic change requires partnerships with all stakeholders





High-quality STEM education is for ALL students



### We work towards sustainable systemic change with partners and stakeholders



### ADDRESSING THE NATION'S STEM TEACHER SHORTAGE





SCHOOL



#### **STEM Teacher Resources**

https://www.wpi.edu/academics/stem-education-center/teacher-resources



**PBS Learning Media:** 

https://mass.pbslearningmedia.org/
(Presented by Paula Halligan)



Padlet: <a href="https://padlet.com/">https://padlet.com/</a>
(Presented by Tiffany Davis)

### **Padlet Collaboration**

1. Share this week's success(es)



2. Share this week's challenge(s)



Add comments and/or suggestions to other people's challenges



### Closing

<u>Please complete our online survey</u> (link in chat box) to let us know if this experience was useful and ways that it can be improved in future sessions.

Our goal is to help you be more successful as you delve into this challenging educational endeavor.

Best of Luck to everyone – please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or need guidance:

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