

Exploring the Unexplored through

2019 EXHIBITION OF STUDENT
STEM RESEARCH



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To: Principals and STEM Teachers,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I wish all of you a great and successful year. Last school year, the CPS Student Science Fair, Inc. Board of Directors gave "Science Fair" a new title. It is now known and referred to as the **Exhibition for Student STEM Research**. In short, *Student STEM Exhibition*. Other than the change in title there are no other changes to the planning and organization of the STEM Exhibitions. As I continue to plan, organize and get information out to you regarding the Regional and City STEM Exhibitions, I need to share with you some important items.

First, our 2018-19 theme is **Exploring the Unexplored through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**. Jeanette Bartley (University of Chicago) is the Executive Chairperson of the City Student STEM Exhibition. Our Regional STEM Exhibitions will be held during January and February 2019 and the City STEM Exhibition will be held at the Illinois Institute of Technology on March 21-24, 2019. The opening day for the 2019 Exhibition of Student STEM Research will be March 22, 2019. The Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) (State Fair) will be held at Southern Illinois University. Carbondale, IL on May 3 and 4, 2019. The International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on May 12-17, 2019.

Very few changes have been made by the State Fair which are indicated in the *2019 Handbook*. The Illinois Academy of Science (IJAS – State Fair) has updated their Criteria for judging. All changes have been indicated in Part Three of the *2019 Handbook*. One change that you need to be aware of is that at all STEM Exhibitions only a Display Board and computer (if necessary) are allowed to be exhibited on the table. In this mailing, you are receiving one hard copy of the handbook. We also have the 2019 Handbook posted on our website. Our website can be accessed by www.cpsscifair.org or www.cssf.org. STEM Exhibition Posters were delivered to your school the first week of October. Also, enclosed are STEM Exhibition State and NGSS Goals and Standards and Regional STEM Exhibition information.

Those projects that need endorsements may go ahead and proceed with using the endorsements on our website. They have been updated and made ready for the 2019 STEM Exhibitions. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance please contact me at ljohnson131@cps.edu.

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