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### **Governor Murphy Announces First-of-Its-Kind New Jersey STEM Strategic Advisory Board**

**Chatham, NJ**—Last night, Governor Phil Murphy announced the creation of the New Jersey STEM Strategic Advisory Board (Board) that was developed by the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN).

This inaugural Board was launched by the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network, an initiative of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey, and will provide leadership and expertise for a statewide STEM (“Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math”) vision in education and workforce. It also plans to fund innovative STEM programs with data-driven results. The Board includes business and philanthropic leaders and will seek to continue to grow over the course of the year.

“Through collective impact, this Board will improve ROI by uniting business and philanthropic leaders to streamline charitable investments and breakdown silos for success in STEM education and workforce development programming,” said New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.

The inaugural New Jersey Strategic Advisory Board Members include representatives from: Bristol-Myers Squibb, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation, Ørsted, Overdeck Family Foundation, PSEG Foundation, and Siemens.

“We’ve been working for several years now to develop an infrastructure to improve STEM outcomes in New Jersey and lessen random acts of STEM, beginning with the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network, our priority groups, and STEM Learning Ecosystems” said Kim Case, Executive Director of the Research & Development Council and manager of its NJSPN initiative. “Coordinating STEM investments with the larger conversation about how we are going to tackle important STEM education and workforce program and policy challenges seemed like a fundamental next step.”

The Board will soon announce a competitive innovation fund that will allow potential grantees to apply for funding for their STEM initiatives. To learn more about the Board, you can visit <https://njstempathways.org/new-jersey-stem-strategic-advisory-board/>.

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*The NJSPN was created in 2014 and is managed by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey. It includes over 500 STEM leaders from across the state and connects all STEM stakeholders-K-12, higher education, non-profit, informal providers, business, philanthropists and government. NJSPN supports five STEM learning ecosystems, including Delran STEM Ecosystem Alliance, Hunterdon, Somerset and Mercer Tri-County ecosystem, Liberty STEM Alliance, Newark STEAM Coalition, South Jersey STEM & Innovation Partnership, all of which are part of an international network of now 84 ecosystems supported by the STEM Funders' Network. NJSPN, along with the Research & Development Council of New Jersey, annually hosts New Jersey STEM Month. You can learn more about the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network, New Jersey's STEM Ecosystems, and NJ STEM Month by visiting [www.njstempathways.org](http://www.njstempathways.org)*