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**DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**LAUNCHES NEW S.T.E.A.M. LAB**

**AT BUFFALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Davenport, Iowa-* The Davenport Community School District is proud to announce the launch of a new S.T.E.A.M. lab at Buffalo Elementary School with the start of the 2016-2017 academic year. This is the only S.T.E.A.M. lab in the state of Iowa.

A launch ceremony for the S.T.E.A.M. Lab will be held at 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 22, 2016 at Buffalo Elementary School, 1001 Jefferson Street, Buffalo, Iowa.

Buffalo Elementary School will be integrating Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math into the curriculum enhanced by a learning environment where the furniture, technology, and assessment fully support the curriculum and offer the opportunity for personalized learning. Students will work to solve real-world problems in a collaborative environment. They will be exploring robotics, software engineering, coding, mechanics & structures, circuitry, scientific data/analyses, alternative energy, computer graphics, and digital media arts. This new learning environment will provide an opportunity for students to discover a wide range of applied technologies that will provide real-world learning experiences, and may lead them to a career in the future.

***Note: Principal Heidi Gilliland will be a key contact for you.***

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