Washington students need strong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills to pursue Washington’s highest demand career pathways that lead to family-wage jobs - from advanced agriculture, ground-breaking bio-technology, to 21st-century manufacturing. Over the past few years, students in the Skagit STEM Network have received cradle-to-career STEM education opportunities thanks to our partnership with the Washington State Legislature.

**Washington State Opportunity Scholarships**
56 Skagit County students received up to $1.25mm in STEM scholarship funding through WSOS program in 2019.

**Middle School and High School STEM Like ME!**
Over 1400 Skagit Middle School students participated in this Career Awareness program over the last two years. Testing indicated that interest in pursuing a STEM career increased from 34% before to 83% after the program. At the request of business a pilot high school SLM! programis currently being run focused on IT, Healthcare and Manufacturing careers.

**Annual Spotlight on Women in STEM Event**
400 middle school and high school girls spent a day interacting with STEM professionals. This 2019 event created an interactive learning environment where students experienced hands on activities, listened to career journeys of successful STEM professionals & students, and networked with notable women in STEM.

**North Puget Sound Career Connect Washington Regional Netwprk**
The Skagit STEM Network is a core member of the North Puget Sound Career Connect WA Regional Network. The partnership working to serve as a hub in our 5 county region to build or bring to scale a Career Connected Learning system inclusive of Career Awareness & Exploration, Preparation & Career Launch programs.

**THANK YOU**
We thank the Washington State Legislature for their engagement with STEM education issues and the Shagit STEM Network. Our collective and ongoing impact on Washington students means that every student, from our earliest learners to those on their way to a STEM career, will be prepared to thrive in Washington’s innovation economy. Our collaboration with the Washington State Legislature is essential as we work to strengthen our education systems so that students in our region can thrive and contribute to the vitality of their communities.

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