

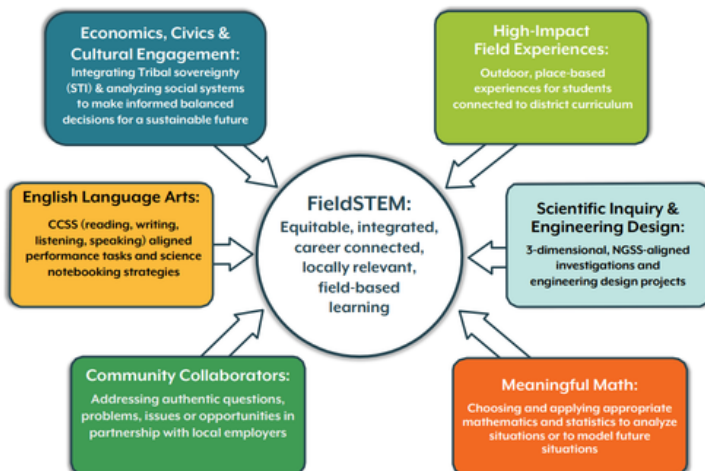


Success Story:

Introduction to FieldSTEM

March 10, 2022

On March 10, 24 educators from 10 districts across the state settled into a two-hour Introduction to FieldSTEM Zoom session to learn about Pacific Education Institute's (PEI) innovative FieldSTEM Model. PEI's East Sound South Coordinator, Cindy Haverkamp, and South Sound Coordinator, Lara Tukarski, walked educators through the model step-by-step. Educators were inspired! One shared, "as a new teacher and first time PEI participant, there was so much information to absorb, and I look forward to digging up more." Another educator said that this workshop "opened my mind to different ways to implement field training experiences."





Educators especially appreciated the Sit Spot learning activity, which encouraged them to experience and reflect on the health and academic benefits of getting themselves and their students outside. One educator said, “I think using Sit Spots will help my kids focus...and be calm.”

Also impactful were the two guest speakers, Dr. Heather McMullen, Director of Instructional Leadership, Math & Science, PK-12 for the Puyallup School District, and Mike Burlette, 7th Grade Science and Math Teacher, Oakland Bay Junior High in the Shelton School District. Both guests explained how their schools or districts were implementing FieldSTEM and gave educators tips on how to get started.

As the first in a series of introductory workshops which will offer educators 2 STEM clock hours each, Introduction to FieldSTEM left educators eager to learn and explore more of PEI’s educational offerings. As one of our participants shared, “I have signed up for all of them! I am excited to learn more!”