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**THE BOEING COMPANY SUPPORTS THE MAGIC HOUSE'S
IMMERSIVE "STEM" INITIATIVE WITH
HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Grant Promotes Districtwide Learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

ST LOUIS (October 17, 2017) – Thanks to a grant from The Boeing Company, The Magic House will be implementing an immersive STEM initiative in the North St. Louis County school district of Hazelwood during the 2017-2018 school year. This free districtwide program increases access to hands-on science, technology, engineering and math programs for students from all 20 of the Hazelwood School District elementary schools, as well as provides Hazelwood parents and teachers with resources to enhance and extend students' STEM learning at home and in the classroom. Students, teachers and families will also get the opportunity to experience The Magic House at a STEM Night for each elementary school hosted at the Museum; STEM nights include exclusive use of the Museum, bus transportation and a kit of STEM materials for every family to take home at no cost.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to build our relationship with students, parents and staff in the Hazelwood School District through this new initiative," said Beth Fitzgerald, President of The Magic House. "We are most grateful to The Boeing Company for their support which allows us to share our unique brand of hands-on learning with every child in the district. Together we look forward to inspiring our future scientists, engineers, mathematicians and more".

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“I often express that, ‘Schools cannot do it alone,’” said Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Hazelwood superintendent of schools. “The collaboration with The Magic House and Boeing make for the perfect partnership because it touches our three District goals: 1) The new STEM initiative *increases student achievement* in the classroom and at home. It also allows more student exposure to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics career fields. 2) The training that is offered, *enhances our teachers’ professional development*. 3) Finally, The Magic House STEM Nights help to *increase parent and community engagement*. On behalf of our students, parents, and staff, we are appreciative of The Magic House and Boeing for establishing this perfect alliance,” said Dr. Collins-Hart.

This new initiative includes free STEM-focused outreach programs, STEM Family Nights at the Museum and professional development workshops for educators in all 20 Hazelwood elementary schools. The program will impact approximately 8,000 Hazelwood K-5 students and their parents, as well as 400 teachers.

To support this effort, The Magic House is actively recruiting adult volunteers. Applications can be submitted online at www.magichouse.org or contact the Museum’s Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@magichouse.org to request more information.

About The Magic House, St. Louis Children’s Museum

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences for children and families and encourages experimentation, creativity and the development of problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy and magic. Regular Museum admission is \$11 per person. Children under the age of one are free.

The Magic House is located at 516 S. Kirkwood Road, one mile north of Highway 44 in historic downtown Kirkwood. Hours during the school year are Tuesday through Thursday, 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm; Friday, 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. The Museum is closed on Mondays during the school year. Parking is always free at The Magic House. For more information, please call 314.822.8900 or visit The Magic House online at www.magichouse.org.

About Hazelwood School District

The Hazelwood School District serves nearly 18,000 students and is the second largest district in St. Louis County. Communities in the district include Hazelwood, Black Jack, Spanish Lake, a large section of Florissant, portions of Bridgeton, Bellefontaine Neighbors and Ferguson, and several square miles of unincorporated St. Louis County. The mission of the Hazelwood School District is to launch learners on a quest for high standards, fairness and distinguished achievement.

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