**WHY STEM**

**Developing 21st Century Skills Needed by All Ages**

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| **Connecting**  **Generations** | **Understanding**  **Contemporary Issues** | **Expanding Career**  **Opportunities** |

Living in the 21st Century, necessitates literacy in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)

for people of all ages. In the workplace, STEM expertise expands career opportunities for individuals

and sustains economic growth for businesses. Increasingly those involved in enacting legislation,

developing public policy, and voting for political candidates and referendum questions need to be knowledgeable about STEM related issues such as the importance of access to technology, digital

literacy, cyber security, reproductive health, infectious disease management, inflation**, climate change**, stem-cell research, space exploration, fossil fuels, clean energy, and a host of other issues.

**JOIN US**

***Learn How You Can Support STEM Programs for Girls – Meet AAUW STEM Advocates***

**STEM Conference for Girls**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

Hosted by the Weymouth Public Schools & AAUW-MA South Shore Area Branch, girls in grades 4-8 will listen to a keynote speaker and participate in three interactive workshops for attendees. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet women in STEM and learn about a variety of STEM careers including coding, engineering, healthcare, robotics, science, math, and many more. **If you would like to support the STEM Conference for Girls, contact Lynn Howard at** [**lynnphoward97@gmail.com**](mailto:lynnphoward97@gmail.com)

**Educating for the future**

***Virtual Program***

***Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 4-6:30PM***

MA STEM Week (Oct. 17th-21st), encompass PK-16 learning opportunities to increase student interest & raise awareness about STEM education. Join Lynn Howard, AAUW-MA STEM Chair, as she participates in a session on MA STEM Week and focuses on the role of AAUW in ensuring girls develop the STEM skills they need to expand career opportunities at the STEM Conference for Girls – Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Weymouth High School.

**Register at:** [**http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=los9hgeab&oeidk=a07ejc5azi24448d094**](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=los9hgeab&oeidk=a07ejc5azi24448d094)