

#### **The Global STEM Education Center**





Global Technology and Engineering Consortium

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Educating students who can succeed in a *flat* and *diverse globe*—

Preparing for learning and doing we cannot yet imagine

Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Join our Journey!



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## Re-visiting the "Shift Happens" on Youtube in 2006...

- \* "We are currently preparing student for jobs and technologies that don't yet exist...
- \* "... in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet.."
- \* "...there are students...(around the world and the USA) who...apply, analyze, evaluate, communicate, collaborate...on projects every day...are YOU doing THIS in your school?..."
- \* "...ask your Principal...how are YOU helping my child become literate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?..."
- \* "...ask your School Board...are YOU providing the resources and training necessary to prepare students to be successful in 21<sup>st</sup> century society?.."

These questions were asked more than 10 years ago... The 2014-2015 school year is starting shortly..... Do YOU have YOUR answers yet? Are YOU ready?

#### We have answered these questions! Our GLOBAL STEM CLASSROOM opened its "doors" in 2007 WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

- \* Excellent experience and great results working with schools in UK, Russia, The Netherlands, France, Ukraine and USA
- \* Almost 1000 students....almost 100 teachers, school administrators, Technology Directors, IT specialists
- \* About 25 STEM innovative multi-disciplinary collaborative projects completed by international student teams
- \* Our students & teachers have mastered their collaboration, multicultural communication, global team-work and other 21<sup>st</sup> century skills!
- **\*** Outstanding external evaluation...
- \* Excellent feedback from students, parents, teachers
- \* Fast growing collaborative network and partnerships around the globe

### "Diving deeper" into the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills – let's talk about Two major components of the Global STEM Classroom

- \* Learning and Innovation: Critical thinking, Creativity and Innovation, Communication and Collaboration, Visual Literacy, Scientific and Numerical Literacy, Cross-Disciplinary Thinking
- \* Information, Media and Technology Skills
- \* Global Awareness; financial, economic, business, entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy; environmental literacy
- \* Flexibility and Adaptability; Initiative and Self-direction; social and cross-cultural skills

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- \* **Productivity and accountability**
- \* Leadership and responsibility
- \* Intercultural Competency
- \* Global team work skills component (based on NASA 4D systems methodology)

## Diversity Skills Needed for Working Globally

- \* Intercultural competency is a "must-have"
- \* Knowing the foundations of intercultural communication and mastering one's multicultural communication skills
- \* Knowing one's own beliefs & assumptions about differences & stereotypes
- \* Ability to take cultural differences into consideration while participating in a project & building multicultural team
- \* Examining one's personal values & their impact on one's actions, reactions, & perceptions

## Next steps

- \* Expanding our global partnerships with schools in Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Mexico, New Zealand, India, China, Singapore
- \* Continuing to develop new collaborative multidisciplinary STEM projects using innovative technologies
- \* Global STEM 24/7 "marathon" conference
- \* Expanding international teachers, school administrators and Technology Directors network
- \* Mapping the Global STEM programs to the National Standards

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