



2025 MN STEM Convening

September 18, 2025

The Minnesota STEM Ecosystem hosted a high-impact STEM Convening on August 27, 2025, at the Wilder Foundation Center sponsored by Medtronic. The event brought together nearly 70 leaders from education, industry, workforce, and community-based organizations, all committed to advancing STEM learning and workforce development across Minnesota.

The convening opened with welcoming remarks from Emily Saed, Director of the Minnesota STEM Ecosystem, followed by inspiring greetings from Heidi Jedlicka Halvarson, Senior Program Manager at the Medtronic Foundation.

Cap O'Rourke of O'Rourke Strategic Consulting provided an insightful Legislative Session Update, spotlighting the state's current priorities for STEM learning and workforce alignment.

Attendees participated in roundtable discussions focused on building shared values and collaborative pathways in STEM education, and the power of collective action and partnerships to multiply statewide impact.

The event also included a discussion of upcoming partnership opportunities through the MN STEM Ecosystem's biennium goals and grant programs. A Q&A session allowed attendees to explore the details of the Partnership Grant process and learn more about applying for funding to support STEM initiatives across the state.

Survey Results Highlight Convening Success:

- 92% of attendees found the convening discussions valuable
- 100% found the legislative recap valuable, with 15% wanting even more information
- 100% of attendees said they would attend a future MN STEM Convening

The event wrapped with a preview of the MN STEM Community of Practice, launching this fall to foster continued connection and innovation across Minnesota's STEM stakeholders.

To learn more about the Minnesota STEM Ecosystem and upcoming events or grant opportunities, visit: stemmn.org.