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EINSTEIN PROJECT ANNOUNCES NEW FUTURE UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

GREEN BAY, WI – November 4, 2019 – The Board of Directors of the Einstein Project is proud to announce the appointment of Chad Janowski to Executive Director of the Einstein Project. Janowski officially began his role as Executive Director on November 1, 2019.

“It’s an exciting time for the future of the Einstein Project,” stated Michelle Johnson, President, Einstein Project Board of Directors. “For nearly 3 decades, the Einstein Project has provided leadership in transformational change in STEM education. Today, through our collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Brown County, along with an impressive network of community donors and volunteers, we are embarking on a new future under new leadership,” Johnson furthered.

After spending 18 years in the classroom as a high school biology and environmental science instructor, Janowski joined the Einstein Project in early 2017 with the goal of making a broader impact in science and STEM education. As a recognized leader in STEM education, Janowski was the recipient of both state and national teaching awards. Fueled by a dedication and passion for inquiry-based learning, Janowski is committed to furthering STEM education in the classroom and beyond.

Janowski remarked, “Today’s students need rich learning experiences that allow them to make sense of their world. Our new curriculum is asking students to use evidence from their own investigations to solve real issues like providing energy to our homes or freshwater to those in need. Rather than feeding kids information we must give them opportunities to discover it and then apply it in our community.”

He added, “The partnerships cultivated by the opening of the Brown County STEM Innovation Center are quickly advancing STEM education in Northeast Wisconsin. When we work with others with the same goals in mind, we can reach far beyond the walls of the classroom. STEM education is now multigenerational, with learners of all ages sharing the same space. The possibilities are endless.”

About the Einstein Project
The Einstein Project was born in 1991 with the goal of providing engaging and impactful science education in the classroom. A few short years after inception, the Einstein Project was designated as a national model for National Science Resource Centers, one of only seven in the nation, by the Smithsonian Science Education Center. In 2013, the Greater Green Bay STEM Network was founded to foster new collaboration among community STEM education partners. Today, the Einstein Project, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Brown County are living and working together in the newly opened STEM Innovation Center on the UWGB campus to continue to positively impact STEM capabilities and foster curiosity in students throughout Wisconsin.

The Einstein Project leases STEM curriculum and materials for over 30 school districts across Wisconsin and into Northern Illinois. They provide professional development and consultation in science curriculum, instruction, and assessment. In 2018, the Einstein Project Merged with Proto, inc., a nonprofit makerspace formerly housed in the Brown County Library. This merger provided a link between in-school and out of school hands-on learning that builds bridges between STEAM subjects, the humanities and 21st Century Skills. Professional Development for schools starting makerspaces has been a lead initiative in those efforts. The Einstein Makerspace will be releasing new programming as part of their move to the Brown County STEM Innovation Center including memberships, underwater robotics, field trips, school residencies and project workshops.

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