**RALLY Report**

**1-9-18**

1. **WSOS Scholarship Training**

Capital Region STEAM Network/ESD 113 sent out an evite to a training event about the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship on Monday, Jan. 8th, from 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the ESD. People in a position to inform students of this program and support them through the application process should attend. Those who have registered to attend (the deadline was Jan. 4) will receive enjoy hosted **light refreshments and receive a** **$25 Amazon gift card** (for participants who **pre-register**) from WSOS. WSOS also has a **$250 mini grant** available to each high school to host a scholarship event at their school. To learn more about the WSOS, go to: [www.waopportunityscholarship.org](http://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/)

1. **Career Connected Learning Grant Update**

The state has offered the PacMtn WDC and the Capital Region STEAM Network $150,000 to expand internships and apprenticeships in the region. We should get approval for our modified plan to put in place 30 internships (through the AJAC Manufacturing Academy and ResCare) and support 15 new apprenticeships in the region soon.

1. **Capital STEAM Network staff position**

The Capital Region ESD 113 will be seeking an individual to be the “regional administrator” for RALLY and the Capital Region STEAM Network in January (replacing Wes). They will post an announcement this week, probably for a .75 position through June 30 of 2018. They may also solicit bids for a contractor to do the work if they are not satisfied with the applicants for the position

1. **WA STEM Legislative Policy**

Washington STEM would like the Capital Region STEAM Network to meet with key legislators in our region in early January to promote STEM issues. Attached is the briefing paper that they have drafted to present to legislators.

They will also be conducting their annual Legislative Policy meeting on January 31 and Feb. 2 this year and are requesting 4 members from the Capital Region STEAM Network to attend. If you wish to attend this meeting or are able to meet with your local legislators to promote the STEM agenda, let Wes know (wespruittis@gmail.com).