

Falls City Teacher participating in STEM program

**(KLZA)-- Leigh Anne Blankenship, a 4th grade teacher at South School in Falls City, has been accepted into the NebraskaSTEM Noyce Master Teacher program at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.**

**Blankenship reported to the District 56 School Board last week that NebraskaSTEM is a combined integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, with an objective of increasing interest and success in STEM by enhancing student knowledge of integrated STEM teaching and learning.**

**The STEM program results in a new, five-year elementary STEM Master's Degree and professional development program for teachers which is funded completely by the National Science Foundation.**

**During the five-year fellowship, Blankenship will also participate in annual surveys and interviews as part of the grant evaluation.**

**During the fellowship, the NebraskaSTEM program provides an annual stipend, in addition to the teacher salary, for instructional materials, professional training opportunities, and travel expenses.**

**Blankenship is on track to earn a Master's Degree in rural STEM education and engage in STEM leadership activities and join a nationwide community of Noyce Master Teaching Fellows.**

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