

News Release

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Tech Met, Inc Donates Three 3D Printers to Penn Trafford's Middle School

May 2016, Glassport, PA, Tech Met, Inc. a provider of Custom and Standard Chemical Milling Services announced today their donation of three 3D Printers to Penn Trafford's Middle School Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program.

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Penn Middle's STEM Design and Modelling lab features, a thirty-two seat student PC Lab, a PC teacher station with projection unit, and three Flashforge Creator Pro 3D printers (donated by Tech Met, Inc.). The students use the 3D printers to produce a physical model of their innovative solutions. Rick Steele, Penn Middle's STEM Educator, was delighted by the generous donation made by Tech Met, Inc. "We (Penn Middle School) are overwhelmed by the generosity of Tech Met, Inc., these 3D printers will give students hands-on, project-based experiences, helping them link math and science concepts to real-world problem solving."

Mike Vidra, President of Tech Met, presented Penn Trafford School with a check to purchase the new equipment to support their program. Vidra commented "What these students are learning is pretty amazing. Three dimensional CAD modeling and additive manufacturing are quickly becoming core technologies in many high tech industries. When we saw these skills being taught and demonstrated by students within PT's middle school STEM program, we were very much impressed and wanted to help in their efforts."

According to a report by the website STEMconnector.org, by 2018, projections estimate the need for 8.65 million workers in STEM-related jobs. The manufacturing sector faces an alarmingly large shortage of employees with the necessary skills — nearly 600,000.

About Tech Met, Inc.

Tech Met, Inc. has been dedicated to providing responsive, competent and high quality chemical milling services on fabricated components since 1988. Serving the aerospace, medical, industrial and commercial markets today with unprecedented precision and quality. Tech Met became a 100% employee owned company in 2016.

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