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## **St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 INCubator Entrepreneurship Program Secures a True Community of Champions**

(St. Charles, Illinois February 20, 2018) -- St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 is introducing a new program aimed at providing students with an authentic learning experience around entrepreneurship -- everything from conceiving, developing, and launching a startup business. The program will be implemented in the fall of 2018 at both St. Charles East and St. Charles North high schools.

St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 is pleased to announce the Community Champions who will serve as liaisons between the school district and the community. Mayor Ray Rogina, Jim Di Ciaula, Chamber of Commerce President, Jenna Sawicki, Executive Director of the Downtown Partnership, and Laura Macklin-Purdy, Developing and Branding Manager of the Downtown Partnership have agreed to be part of the team as Community Champions.

Dr. Melissa Byrne, Associate Director of Curriculum said, "District 303 is excited to build upon the strong relationships we have with the City of St. Charles and the business community. We are confident that this partnership will result in powerful experiences for our students that could change their lives."

In addition to the Community Champions, volunteers are needed to work with students as coaches and mentors. District 303 is currently seeking local businesses and community members to volunteer to be part of the program and work with our student entrepreneurs. Interested local businesses and community members are asked to contact Dr. Melissa Byrne, Associate Director of Curriculum at [Melissa.Byrne@d303.org](mailto:Melissa.Byrne@d303.org).

This curriculum is part of Uncharted Learning programs, which are available to more than 3,500 students in more than 85 schools across 15 states, including Illinois, Colorado, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Ohio. Learn more at: [www.incubatoredu.org](http://www.incubatoredu.org).

Photo Below L to R: Jim Di Ciaula, Chamber of Commerce President; Kelley Gallt, District 303 Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Melissa Byrne, District 303 Associate Director of Curriculum; Mayor Ray Rogina; Jenna Sawicki, Executive Director of the Downtown Partnership and Laura Macklin-Purdy, Developing and Branding Manager of the Downtown Partnership.



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