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### **WNY STEM Hub Awards Wellsville School STEM School on the Move Recognizes Commitment to STEM Learning**

**Buffalo, NY** - WNY STEM Hub, the region's premiere convener of STEM programs and one-of-a-kind STEM learning experiences for youth, today announced that the Wellsville Elementary School is one of the five regional 2018 STEM Schools on the Move at the Accomplished Level. This distinction is given to schools for their commitment to encouraging science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) experiences across 6 dimensions of quality STEM learning. Accomplished Level is the highest level of recognition given to a school. Wellsville Elementary engages students in innovative learning experiences such as a broadcasting program, SWAT Jr (Students Who Assist with Technology) and the Twin Tiers Maker Expo.

"Each honoree demonstrates a true commitment of time and resources to STEM education. Wellsville Elementary School exemplifies a focus on STEM by getting children excited about learning and careers in STEM," said Michelle Kavanaugh, Ed.D., president of the WNY STEM Hub. "By creating a culture of STEM learning, the Accomplished Schools are establishing a pipeline for our next generation workforce."

WNY STEM Hub proudly honors schools every year at an awards banquet hosted by Roswell Park. The awardees are selected through a competitive process. A total of 18 schools have been designated at the Engaged Level and another 11 have received distinction at the Accomplished Level. Siemens Industry, Inc., a global powerhouse in electronics and engineering, sponsors these K-12 awards each year.

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**Photo 1 – The Wellsville Team accepts the award from WNY STEM Hub's president, Dr. Michelle Kavanaugh, and Siemens Senior Account Representative, John Partsch.**

#### **About the WNY STEM Hub**

**WNY STEM** Hub mobilizes schools and stakeholders to develop, nurture and maximize interest in STEM learning and careers through hands-on, one-of-a kind experiences. Its purpose is to partner with the WNY community to empower learners through the creation of life changing STEM experiences - such as Hand in Hand, Girls Coding, Coding Your Future, Schools on the Move and Take Flight Space Experiments Programs - to tackle careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). WNY STEM is an initiative of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, the UB Center for Integrated Global Biomedical Sciences and the Empire State STEM Learning Network; it sponsors the STEM Satellite Center at St. Bonaventure University. It is recognized internationally as an ecosystem of the STEM Funders Network and a regional partner of Code.org.