

# **SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Dobson, NC - The Surry County Schools STEMmersion Externship Program, sponsored by the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation, was held during the months of June and July 2018. Participants included 21 teachers and 14 local businesses. The STEMmersion Externship Program provides teachers in Surry County Schools the opportunity to spend time in local businesses learning how Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts are applied in real-world situations. Teachers then take what they have learned back to the classroom and incorporate this knowledge into lesson plans.

Robin Huels, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher at Pilot Mountain Middle School, participated in the program again this year with experiential learning at Xtreme Marketing in Pilot Mountain. Mrs. Huels commented, "I had an enlightening experience with the digital marketing company. The Xtreme Marketing employees could not have been more accommodating, and it was very interesting to learn so much about this dynamic company right here in Pilot Mountain."

STEMmersion Externship Program 2018 partners include:

- 100.9 WIFM
- SouthData
- Surry County Health & Nutrition
- Northern Hospital of Surry County
- NC Cooperative Extension Office
- Philips Van-Heusen
- Pike
- State Employees Credit Union
- The Mount Airy News
- Cook Medical
- Xtreme Marketing
- Carolina Laser Design
- Smith Rowe

Mr. Matthew Carter of Cook Medical partnered in the program again for the second year. Mr. Carter has added the Surry County Schools STEMmersion Program to the company's summer activities planning, saying, "We enjoyed being a part of the program last year and welcomed the opportunity to host Surry County Schools' teachers again this summer."

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation proudly supports funding of this program. The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization created by a group of local business and community leaders who are passionate about the education and the future of Surry County. The Board of Directors is committed to providing enhanced learning opportunities for students that will position them to be ready to compete in a global market. For more information, contact Ashley H. Mills, Foundation Liaison, (336) 386-8211, [millsa@surry.k12.nc.us](mailto:millsa@surry.k12.nc.us)

