Dear Principal,

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) and the Sci-TEC Educational Advisory Team are honored to announce the Inaugural Sci-TEC Youth Showcase to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at IPFW in Walb Student Union Ballroom. This new community event will celebrate the innovative and exceptional educational achievements of YOUR teachers and YOUR students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by showcasing nominated and selected projects. The Showcase will provide a venue to share ground-breaking ideas, observe how projects have inspired students to achieve exceptional work, and to honor the teachers, volunteers and sponsors who support and participate in STEM enrichment outreach activities.

Teachers and administrators from Allen County public, parochial and private school corporations are invited to nominate projects for display at the Showcase. Enclosed you will find:

- Announcement Flyer
- Questions and Answers
- Nomination Form
- Poster Gallery Guidelines

Please feel free to duplicate and distribute these items to your staff. You may also access and print copies of all documents by visiting the IPFW College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science home page and link to K-12 Outreach at: www.etcs.ipfw.edu

The Sci-TEC Youth Showcase is also part of the IPFW Remnant Trust activity schedule from which you may choose if you are a Remnant Trust School.

We invite your school corporation to participate in the Showcase in any of the following ways: nominate projects for display, hold a Sci-TEC Poster Gallery Contest, and/or visit the Showcase to observe, share and celebrate the ingenuity of Allen County teachers and students. The Showcase will be open to parents and the general public.

The guidelines and procedures for the Sci-TEC Youth Showcase were established by the Sci-TEC Educational Advisory Team which is a collaboration of school corporation administrators and IPFW staff. Questions regarding the Showcase may be directed to your school corporation representative listed below or by contacting the IPFW College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science Outreach Office at 481-6905.

Thank you and we look forward to your school’s participation in this exciting new community event!

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