



# Rural Education Event



Tennessee Rural Education Association (TNREA), in a partnership with Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS), is hosting three regional sessions, which will take place on March 27-29. These sessions are intended to give guidance to rural leaders on promoting and advancing STEM initiatives for all students. We would like to welcome principals, assistant principals, district leadership and district support stakeholders to join the TOSS Associate Leadership Institute (ALI) in order to attend this event. You can find details about the membership and registration at [www.tosstn.com/about-the-ali/](http://www.tosstn.com/about-the-ali/).

## **The day training will involve experts from Discovery Education and Learning Blade:**

Not What, but Why? Crystallizing Your Purpose in STEM- In 2017, educators and students are hyper focused on the “what” of teaching and learning. What course are you taking? What scores are you achieving? What is your dream school? What is lost is the ever-important “why” of learning. Created specifically for school leaders, this hands-on, interactive mini-academy will present to participants the concept of STEM as a culture and will crystallize attendees' personal “why,” in an effort to better support educators as they build learning environments in which STEM concepts and ideas are explored with purpose and effectiveness. This session will be presented by Dr. Robert Corbin, Director of Global STEM Initiatives at Discovery Education. In his current role, Dr. Corbin works with school systems worldwide to build cultures of STEM teaching and learning that prepare students for success in the classroom and beyond the school bell.

Learning Blade's professional development provides a high quality, immersive experience in the structure and function of Learning Blade, allowing participants to leave trainings prepared to implement immediately in their schools. More than simply focusing on the functions and features in Learning Blade, the training looks at best practices in STEM, literacy development, inclusive differentiated classrooms, personalized learning and providing career awareness in a real-world context. Our PD sessions highlight national and local statistics on STEM professions, building teacher knowledge on the issues in STEM education.



**AN EVENT WILL BE HELD IN EACH  
GRAND DIVISION  
MARCH 27-29  
LOCATIONS TBA**

Members can register to attend this event on the TOSS website ([www.tosstn.com](http://www.tosstn.com))!