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HWHS teacher is selected for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Science Ambassador Program

Harper Woods High School Science Department teacher Richard Blauvelt has been named to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Science Ambassador Program.

In July, Blauvelt will join teachers from across the United States at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia to meet with CDC scientists in a week-long training session. The overall purpose of the training will focus on bringing public health knowledge to secondary school students.

Through the Ambassador Program, Blauvelt will work with CDC scientists discussing public health topics and teaching methods for today's secondary classrooms. In addition, he will work collaboratively with scientists and peer leaders to write lesson plans and student assessments for the national lesson plan collection maintained by the CDC. These lesson plans are made available to secondary schools.

"I look forward to bringing back lesson plans and curriculum updates designed to integrate knowledge of public health and public health practices into our existing science program," said Blauvelt. "I plan to present the information I gain to teachers in Harper Woods and in other school districts during professional development training programs during the upcoming school year."

To be considered for the CDC Science Ambassador Program, candidates had to submit a resume, personal statement, and recommendations from educational colleagues.

"It is quite an honor to have one of our teachers selected to participate in this prestigious program," said Harper Woods School District Assistant Superintendent David Rabbideau. "Mr. Blauvelt is a highly respected teacher in the Harper Woods School District. We are pleased he will be representing the District in the CDC Science Ambassador Program."