What’s so great about a STEM Education?

Why is everyone talking about the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - STEM - education? Here are 7 great reasons:

1. NEW JOB GROWTH IS IN STEM:
   - 11% of total new job growth between 2009 and 2019 in Minnesota will come from STEM occupations.

2. GREAT ENTRY-LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES:
   - Between 2009 and 2019, employers are expected to hire over 57,700 STEM workers who are entering their occupation for the first time.

3. FASTEST GROWING JOB MARKET:
   - Over the past 10 years, growth in STEM jobs was 3X greater than that of non-STEM Jobs.

4. BETTER COLLEGE ENROLLMENT & GRADUATION RATES:
   - 99% of STEM school graduates enroll in college within one year of high school while 79% complete college in four years.

5. PORTABLE ADVANTAGE:
   - Workers with STEM degrees enjoy higher earnings regardless of occupation.

6. HIGHER EARNINGS:
   - Average STEM wage: $77,880
   - VS.
   - Average non-STEM wage: $43,460

7. STEM SKILLS ARE IN DEMAND:
   - In Minnesota, STEM skills have stayed in demand even through the economic downturn.