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**J.B. Nelson Elementary School Students Invited to Participate in  
“Students for the Information Age” TECH 2018 event at Illinois State Capitol**

**April 28, 2018 (Batavia, IL)** - At the beginning of this school year, all fifth-grade students at J.B. Nelson Elementary School participated in a “Chromebook Pilot” to study the use of Chromebook laptops for “flipped learning” and the use of Chromebooks at home to engage in this type of learning. Flipped learning reverses the traditional learning environment by delivering instructional content, often online, outside of the classroom and bringing “homework” inside the classroom.

Six students from the JBN fifth-grade class (Mary Fornelli, Mike Granados, Ella Rio, Lily Solfa, Mia VandenBorn, and Mili Zitkus) shared results from their study at a Feb. 2018 BPS101 Board of Education Meeting and conducted a one-on-one tutorial with each board member to show how they use their Chromebooks at home for flipped learning.

Based on the study and results, the JBN team was invited to present at the “Students for the Information Age” Tech 2018 event at the Illinois State Capitol building on Thurs., May 10, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mia VanderBorn and Mike Granados are the team representatives who will be presenting in Springfield.

J.B. Nelson is one of 98 school teams from throughout the state invited to participate in this day-long tech event designed to show the members of the Illinois State Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to increase student engagement and improve achievement.

“The JBN students are so passionate about their project and findings. It’s a great opportunity for them to now be able to share their work and the creative ways technology is being integrated at BPS101 with lawmakers,” said Angie Sutherland, BPS101 Instructional Technologist.

Sutherland, J.B. Nelson fifth-grade teachers, Aaron Bollow, Jill Robinson, and Elise Velez, and J.B. Nelson Principal Nicole Prentiss helped guide the students as they conducted their Chromebook and flipped learning study.

TECH 2018 is a not-for-profit initiative presented by Illinois Computing Educators (ICE), and is supported by a broad range of education and business organizations.

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