

#### AT A GLANCE

20 St. Clair College robotics students and 15 Faculty of Education pre-service education students were hired as partners to deliver the program. Administrative staff were responsible for managing the project.

# Regional Future Workforce Program

## **Project Overview**

The Region Workforce Program set out to prepare the next generation of students for the shifting economic needs of the region/ nation. The program was developed to spark student interest in post- secondary and career pathways in STEM and Automobility to create a talent pipeline by developing an evidence-based summer camp and in- school robotics program for students in grades 7 and 9. St. Clair College along with community partners developed a robust STEM robotics program/ curriculum with the capacity for replicability and sustainability. The data on the following pages is a preliminary analysis of the data captured pre- and post-test, via surveys distributed to both teachers and students who participated in the program. The pre-post student survey was developed for both elementary and high school students (Grade 7 and Grade 9) utilizing Unfried's et al. (2015) S-STEM survey.

## **Objectives**

- 400 LEGO SPIKE Prime robots were purchased from industry leaders for the in-school program. These are provided at a ratio of 1 robot to 2 students.
- 3 St. Clair College Robotics Faculty and 2 PhD candidates from partners Faculty of Education were hired to develop the curriculum in conjunction with the LEGO robots.
- 4 resources per lesson:
- Lesson Plan document
- PowerPoint Lesson
- Teacher Resource
- Student Resource

#### Results

- 4 local school boards
- 11 different schools
- 33 different classrooms
- 15 community partners
- 1000 student participants

