## CNSI Helps Brings STEM Education Back to TX

When a <u>natural disaster</u> hits, there are so many elements of life that are uprooted, burn down, washed away—literally. From homes stored with memories, to businesses that offer jobs, to schools that provide education, these storms impact lives, livehoods, and learning. A national forcast done by <u>Moody's Analytics</u> claim that Hurrican Harvey will be the second most costly storm in U.S. history. Needless to say, cities and towns in Texas are still reeling and recovering from the devesating impact of the hurricane. Luckily, one of Maryland's prominent STEM education organization's, <u>MdBio Foundation</u>, <u>LLC</u>, jumped on the opportunity to give back to those impacted by the storms.

"More than 270 schools along the Gulf Coast were damaged by Hurricane Harvey, and some may never re-open. Students and teachers are left to use makeshift tools in temporary facilities, trying to regain a sense of normalcy after devastating losses," said Brian Gaines, CEO of the MdBio Foundation. "We saw a great opportunity to share our resources — our mobile lab and professional scientific staff — to support education during the recovery period."

With the support of corporate partners such as CNSI, MdBio has launched the "Learning Undefeated" initiative which features the MdBioLab, a self-contained, mobile science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classroom that will bring teaching space and scientific equipment, as well as lab supplies, to schools along the Gulf Coast and in Houston

MdBioLab will visit the Port Aransas Independent School District (ISD), near Corpus Christi, November 6 to 9, there, the lab will serve nearly 270 students from Port Aransas High School and Brundrett Middle School. Then, from November 13 to 17, the lab will serve two schools in the Houston ISD, Baylor College of Medicine Academy at James D. Ryan Middle School and the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP). During these two weeks, hundreds of students will have the opportunity to experience hands-on STEM activities onboard the lab.

CNSI is proud of the strong partnership with MdBio and the incredible impact we can have for those recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Stay tuned for more updates as the truck embarks on its journey to Texas!

