

## Four Region 14 Elementary Students Will Compete in State Invention Convention

May 31, 2023 – Four students from Bethlehem and Mitchell Elementary Schools will move on to the Connecticut State Invention Convention Finals on June 10 at the University of Connecticut.



The students are third grader Oliver Nix (EZ Light) from Bethlehem Elementary School and from Mitchell Elementary School, second grader Luca Maini (Lego Muncher) and fifth grade partners Katie Kulesza and Ava LeBlanc (Sustainable Saddle). These students will join approximately 250 student inventors from schools across the state who are competing for awards.

The Region 14 Invention Convention was an optional event in late winter for upper elementary students to get students thinking about problem identification, problem-solving, and creativity. Their projects were judged by a panel of Region 14 faculty, administration, and Board of Education members and the top entries moved on to the semi-finals in March.

The Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) is an internationally recognized educational organization that began in 1983 that fosters student creativity, problem-solving, and innovation. Each year, student work is recognized at the final competition event in June.

