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Penguins Players Visit Avalon Elementary To Support “Future Goals” Educational Program

Pittsburgh Penguins players Eric Fehr, Nick Bonino and Beau Bennett visited Avalon Elementary School in the Northgate School District today to interact with students and support the “Future Goals” educational program.

“Future Goals” is a joint effort of the National Hockey League and the NHL Players Association, established in 2014. The program’s “Hockey Scholar” course uses hockey-related themes to help students learn about science, technology, engineering and math.

“We are proud of the impact that the Future Goals program has had in its first year,” NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. “Together with our clubs and our players, we’ve reached students across North America, helped them build important technical skills and better prepared them for exciting future career opportunities.”

“Supporting students and teachers in our communities is important to our players,” said Mathieu Schneider, the NHLPA’s Special Assistant to the Executive Director. “Science and technology pervade our game, just as fitness and sportsmanship do, and this program has provided our players with great opportunities to share their perspectives on these topics.”

The Hockey Scholar course takes students on an exciting educational journey with a goal of winning the Stanley Cup. As they guide their teams, students complete twelve learning modules that educate them and test their knowledge on core concepts covering data analysis, geometry, life science and physical science topics. These subjects come to life through real hockey examples that include the dynamics of the ice surface, equipment design, athletic performance and geometric and energy considerations to how the game is played.

More information can be found at www.futuregoals.nhl.com/penguins.