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## **Long Cane Middle School Students Pitch Idea to LaGrange City Manager**

***LaGrange, Ga. February 9, 2018*** – A class of Long Cane Middle School students presented an idea to LaGrange City Manager Meg Kelsey.

Nine students from Chris McCalla’s STEM class asked Kelsey to consider increasing the number of electric vehicle or EV charging stations in the City of LaGrange.



*Kelsey with Mr. McCalla’s class*

The students addressed issues like how to pay for the program and how to market the idea to gain support.

McCalla says the idea quickly gained momentum in class.

“We were talking about how the car has evolved and each day our idea evolved,”

he said.

“We want to see more charging stations in the city and the kids had some pretty good ideas.”

The city recently installed several EV stations in the new downtown LaGrange parking garage.

Kelsey was very excited to see the student engagement.



*City Manager Meg Kelsey talks to students about their presentation*

“These students learned a valuable skill set on this project,” she said. “I’m very impressed with their presentation. I applaud their efforts.”

Kelsey has invited the students to present their idea to the LaGrange City Council.

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