Dear STEM Teachers:

Teacher Appreciation Week is the ideal time for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and its Directorate for Education and Human Resources to acknowledge and celebrate you for your dedicated service to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. We are grateful for your commitment to providing an excellent education every day, for every student. The nation depends on teachers like you to prepare the next generation for careers in STEM fields. We applaud your determination and selflessness as you strive to ensure our nation’s students continue to learn and grow.

We at NSF are committed to supporting educators and STEM teacher education efforts. Our research and development programs generate the insights and tools that support the training, skills, and resources that help teachers succeed in their (teaching) endeavors. We are honored to foster support for these efforts through current funding of our programs, including the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, Discovery Research PreK-12 (DRK-12), Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), and Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST).

Teacher Appreciation Week is a special time for us at NSF. It allows us to acknowledge you for the invaluable work that you do and to reflect on the profound impact you have on the lives of students across the nation. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for all you do for STEM education.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

Sincerely,

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