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Dear STEM Teachers:

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the NSF Directorate for Education and Human Resources want to acknowledge and celebrate you for your dedicated service to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. We understand your challenges in this time-honored profession, and 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, and we applaud your determination and selflessness, as you strive to ensure our nation's students learn and grow.

We at NSF are committed to supporting educators and STEM teacher education efforts. We offer many programs that provide training, skills, and resources to help teachers succeed in their (teaching) endeavors. We are honored to foster support for these efforts through current funding of our programs including: Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, STEM Computing (STEM+C) Partnerships, Discovery Research PreK-12 (DR-K12), Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST), and many others.

Indeed, 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 make/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,

William J. (Jim) Lewis
Acting Assistant Director

4 WAYS TO THANK A TEACHER

Teachers make our lives better. This week, take some time to tell a teacher how valuable they are. Here's how we suggest letting them know.



1 WRITE THEM A NOTE

Whether from a student, parent, administrator or friend, a hand-written note is a guaranteed way to brighten a teacher's day.



2 TELL THEM ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (#PAEMST) are the nation's highest honors for K-12 STEM teachers. Learn more at www.paemst.org.

3 ASK PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOUR TEACHER TO SIGN A CARD

Ask students, parents, and people at school to add a message explaining how your teacher has impacted their lives. At the end of the week, share it with your teacher to let them know how much they matter.



4 LET THEM KNOW ABOUT #NSFFUNDED OPPORTUNITIES

- Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarships
- STEM+Computing Partnerships
- Discovery Research PreK-12
- Innovative Tech Experiences (ITEST)
- Visit nsf.gov/funding to learn more



TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make sure they know it.