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Dear STEM Teacher:

During this Teacher Appreciation Week, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the NSF Directorate for Education and Human Resources wish to recognize you and say *Thank You* for the great work you do every day. Teacher Appreciation Week is a special time for us at NSF, as we reflect on the lifelong impact you make on a diverse range of students, your school and school district, and the community in which you teach.

We depend on you each day to prepare the next generation of Americans for 21st century STEM-ready leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, teachers, politicians, and engaged citizenry. Hence, we are committed to supporting you and STEM teacher education efforts through our work at NSF. We are pleased to foster support for these efforts through current funding of our Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, STEM+Computing Partnerships, Discovery Research PreK-12 (DR-K12), Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), and Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST), among a plethora of other programs.

We know your challenges, in and out of the classroom, have never been greater but despite these challenges, you recognize that every child deserves a great teacher. Remember that the work you do makes a difference. During this Teacher Appreciation Week, we applaud you for your courage, determination, dedication, commitment, and selflessness as you continue devoting your life to help the nation's students succeed and grow.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! We appreciate you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Ferrini-Mundy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Ferrini-Mundy
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