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Dear STEM Teacher,

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! The National Science Foundation (NSF) is incredibly grateful for the contributions and hard work of all our teachers across the nation, especially our K-12 STEM teachers.

Now more than ever, teachers are making a monumental impact on our nation's youth. Changing technologies, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the other responsibilities outside of instruction that come with the position of being a teacher have made this profession a challenge to navigate. NSF commends you for your commitment to your profession, but more importantly, your commitment to students. We celebrate you for influencing the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, computer scientists, and engineers, but also the next generation of adults. Teachers lead the way to a better future for all. Teachers impart more than just academic subjects on their students; they impart optimism and lessons on how to be people who contribute to the wellbeing of others. We celebrate you for choosing the most noble profession there is, and for opening the doors of science, technology, and discovery to our nation's youth. Thank you for all you do.

We also thank our pre-service teachers for the role they are about to take on, and all the learning they are doing to ensure they are prepared to create classrooms in which all students experience success in STEM learning. Your preparation is invaluable, and we are excited to see the ways you will actualize your plans for teaching and share your love of curiosity and learning with the next generation of students. The shift to online instruction has created a culture of learning like never before, and we look forward to seeing the waves of change that new teachers, such as you, will make in the K-12 education landscape.

The National Science Foundation extends its deepest appreciation for you and the career you have chosen. We salute you for all your hard work, accomplishments, dedication, and enormous impact.

Sincerely,

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