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TO: NYS STEM Education Collaborative

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SUBJECT: STEM Summer Institute

On behalf of the New York State Education Department (NYSED), I would like to convey congratulations to Frank Sobierajski, Jan Stark, Vivian Pokrzyk, Joseph Zawicki, Charles Goodwin, other planners and participants of the New York State STEM Collaborative, "STEM: Links to the Future" STEM Summer Institute, held at SUNY Oswego on August 8-11, 2010. This consortium of education leaders from across the State of New York worked collaboratively to establish and build upon themes across Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education to help provide teachers and students with the STEM skills necessary to be successful contributors in the world's knowledge economy. The NYSED understands the positive impact this institute had on all participants. The success of this institute may be credited, in part, by the active role taken by the participants from across the various disciplines that make up STEM education.

I anticipate that the results of this collaborative will help bring educators from multiple professional associations and disciplines towards a greater understanding, consensus, and support for STEM education in New York. This effort will ensure the analytical, critical-thinking and problem solving skill-set needed by New York students while pursuing college and career pathways.

The NYSED invites you to continue the dialogue started at the 2010 STEM Summer Institute, share your feedback, and include the NYSED in future collaborative STEM endeavors. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to STEM initiatives and the students of New York.