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Dear Participant:

We at the National Science Foundation welcome you to the 11th Math and Science Partnership (MSP) Learning Network Conference (LNC). We are very excited about our theme for this 2013 MSP-LNC, *Implementation: From Vision to Impact*, as it affords this entire community, from the most seasoned MSP members to the recently funded Partnerships to share in learning together and from each other. You are to be commended for investing your time, expertise and passion in this most important work of advancing the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at both the K-12 and higher education levels and ultimately improving the achievement of all K-12 students.

What an exciting opportunity we all have over the next several days and beyond to recharge our batteries as we communicate what we are learning and what challenges we are embracing, while rededicating ourselves to this most stimulating and critical work. We can look towards a September 26, 2012 quote from Dr. Marcus du Sautoy, Professor of Mathematics and the Simonyi Professor for the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University: "I spend my life doing something that I find absolutely thrilling and exciting. When you make a mathematical discovery, it only starts to live when you tell somebody else about it. If you keep it to yourself, it doesn't have chance to breathe. To give birth to mathematics you need to communicate it. This is absolutely essential. Communication is part of the process of doing science." We of the MSP community are most fortunate to be living his sentiments as we give breath to what we are discovering with our colleagues.

We extend our appreciation to the members of the 2013 Conference Planning Committee, representing varied constituencies within the MSP Partnerships, as well as the LNC Organizing Committee, including colleagues from TERC and EDC, who have worked diligently to plan and organize an exciting conference. Our gratitude goes to the Conference speakers and panelists; MSP project team members who have graciously agreed to share their work at this meeting; and our colleagues at the U. S. Department of Education who, with their state MSP efforts, broaden our collective work. Most importantly, we thank you for your vital participation. Your expertise and investment of time, your leadership in your projects, and your willingness to share what you are learning continues to be essential to advancing our effort to improve STEM teaching and learning for the Nation's students.

Have a great meeting!

Handwritten signatures of James E. Hamos and Kathleen Bergin in blue ink.

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