



To Whom It May Concern:

The National Science Teaching Association (NSTA), will be hosting their annual conference in Houston, Texas, on March 31 to April 2.

We invite you to join K–12 educators and administrators from across the United States who will be coming to Houston for this highly specialized professional development event that will equip them with skills and knowledge on key areas vital to successful learning in the science and STEM classroom. Strands for the Houston conference will include:

- Developing Scientific Literacy in the Classroom
- Strategies for Creating Inclusive Science Classrooms
- Using Science Inquiry to Facilitate Learning for Multilingual Learners

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- Promoting Effective Assessments in the STEM Classroom
- Developing Accountability Systems for Expanding STEM Participation

For our Texas teachers, NSTA and the Science Teachers Association of Texas have worked together to create high-quality professional learning that will help support the implementation of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Special sessions developed specifically for Texas teachers at every grade level will help build understanding of TEKS and navigate three-dimensional teaching and learning, and help teachers to gain the knowledge they need to implement evidence-based instructional strategies that are called for in the new TEKS standards.

Federal funds under ESSA and COVID relief funds designed for K–12 education can be used to address science and STEM-specific learning needs, and can be used to fund teacher professional learning services and time. We invite you to learn more on how your school can leverage funds to support science education here at this website: <u>http://cosss.org/arp-resources</u>.

We hope you and your staff will take advantage of the unique professional learning that will be available to all educators of science this March.

Sincerely,

Eric Pyle President National Science Teaching Association

> For more detailed information about the conference and to register, please visit the NSTA Houston conference website at www.nsta.org/houston22.