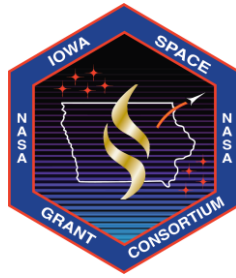


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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Iowa Space Grant Consortium, I am pleased to submit this statement of commitment to the Collaborative for Advancing Science Teaching in K-12 (CASTL-K12) through the Iowa Space Grant Consortium (ISGC).

As an organization dedicated to providing STEM opportunities for all Iowans, we recognize the critical importance of advancing high-quality science education to prepare students for success in the workforce and rapidly evolving world. The goals and objectives of CASTL-K12 resonate with our overall commitment and mission. Our organization's mission aligns closely with the vision outlined in the Framework for K-12 Science Education to inspire and empower future generations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The ISGC is committed to coordinated action to achieve the goals of CASTL-K12. Specifically, we will actively engage in efforts to:

- Develop and implement a coherent strategy for supporting science standards across states and districts, ensuring alignment with the Framework for K-12 Science Education.
- Participate in and contribute to the networked community of practice, fostering collaboration among stakeholders at all levels and across sectors.
- Build upon and disseminate evidence-based policies, tools, and examples that exemplify high-quality science teaching and learning.
- Collaborate in creating and advancing a coherent communication and engagement strategy to broadly promote K-12 science and engineering education.

ISGC commits to supporting the goals of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's Action Collaborative on Advancing Science Teaching and Learning in K-12. We look forward to partnering with CASTL-K12 to ensure that every student has access to high-quality science education that fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills essential for the 21st century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Nelson".

Sara Nelson
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