Dear Members of Science Matters: Indiana,

The Science Matters: Indiana leadership team is working with the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) to establish a private space in the NSTA's e-professional development (PD) portal known as the NSTA Learning Center (http://learningcenter.nsta.org) for Science Matters: Indiana educators and science enthusiasts.

The Learning Center is NSTA's e-PD portal designed to help educators address their content and pedagogical needs in science at a place and time convenient for them. The portal provides personalized professional learning opportunities for its users. In it, registered participants can gain access to more than 8,000 resources, of which over 2,900 are completely free to all, members and non-members of NSTA. A suite of practical tools such as My Library, My PD Record and Certificates, My PD Indexer, and My PD Plan and Portfolio are available also for free to help users organize and document their growth.

To begin using the e-PD resources through the Science Matters: Indiana home page at the NSTA Learning Center, please follow the appropriate steps below (A, B, or C), depending if you already have an NSTA Learning Center account or not:

**A. I have an NSTA Learning Center account:**
(1) Using an Internet browser, go to the Science Matters: Indiana home page at the NSTA Learning Center at: http://learningcenter.nsta.org/sm-in

(2) Login on the top right area of the page beneath the word "Login" using your e-mail address and password.

(3) Click LOGIN.

Skip to STEP D below.

**B. I have an NSTA Learning Center account but I forgot my password:**
(1) Using an Internet browser, go to the Science Matters: Indiana home page at the NSTA Learning Center at: http://learningcenter.nsta.org/sm-in

(2) On the top right area of the page beneath the word "Login,” click on the link that says “Lost password?” Enter your e-mail address and the system will send you your password via e-mail.

(3) Now, login on the top right area of the page beneath the word "Login” using your e-mail address and password.

(4) Click LOGIN.

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**C. I do not have an NSTA Learning Center account and need to create one:**
(1) On the top right area of the page beneath the word "Login," enter your e-mail address in the “E-mail” field and the following password: nstasm in the “Password” field.

(2) Click LOGIN

(3) You will be taken to a page where you can:
(3a) Verify your e-mail address (edit the address if it is old, incorrect, or if you prefer to use a different e-mail address for your NSTA Learning Center account; if the e-mail address is ok then leave it as is)

(3b) Enter your new password and confirm it. You make your own password; please use four characters or more (the password is not case sensitive). Remember this password – you will need it to login to the NSTA Learning Center in the future.

(4) Click the "Submit" button. You should see a confirmation message on the following page indicating that your new password has been accepted.

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**D. I am ready to see the Science Matters: Indiana home page**

To see the Science Matters: Indiana home page, click on the "Home" button on the top left of the page.

**About your Science Matters: Indiana home page:**

In the Science Matters: Indiana home page in the Learning Center users will see a personal greeting, a link to the leader boards, and when visiting the site's community forums, a Science Matters: Indiana private community forum. Like other Learning Center users, those in Science Matters have access to the free resources and opportunities, to all the PD tools, to the public community forums, and to all the public collections created by NSTA team members and to those created by other Learning Center users.

To access the thousands of e-PD resources use the advanced search to search for a resource via keyword, add them to your library, then go to your library to open them. Once in your library, the e-PD resource is yours.

**Questions?**

If you have questions please send an e-mail describing your situation and problem to the NSTA Learning Center Help Desk at: learningcenterhelp@nsta.org

We hope you enjoy this opportunity to enhance your professional learning and meet others in our state’s Science Matters’ network.

Thank you,

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