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The National Science Education Leadership Association (NSELA) supports the adoption and implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) to ensure the seamless and cohesive science content instruction for all American K-12 students. Through Achieve's development process of the NGSS, NSELA was honored, as one of many Associations, to be involved in the review of the standards and provide thoughtful feedback resulting in a rigorous, developmentally appropriate academic framework for the instruction of science in our nation.

As states adopt the NGSS, NSELA embraces the opportunity to first support science education leaders and teachers with understanding the standards framework. Additionally, we commit to providing NGSS support and training for all science educators in the development of curriculum enveloping and integrating the core ideas, practices, and cross cutting concepts for active, focused instruction for students. NSELA recognizes effective instruction will incorporate and integrate science and engineering practices as well as many cross cutting concepts and will endeavor to model this in all professional development work.

NSELA looks forward to the continued visioning and development of a new generation of assessments to ensure student acquisition of science conceptual knowledge and demonstration of the performance expectations. We welcome the opportunity to continue to partner with associations in this important next step.

The NGSS provides our states and the country with a prime opportunity to elevate performance in science and prepare our students for college and career. NSELA proudly endorses the Next Generation Science Standards.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Darlene C. Ryan'.

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