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Elementary Science PD

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Subject : Elementary Science PD**To :** Allan Chinn <chinn@4j.lane.edu>

Hello Elementary Principal,

As you may know, our state has adopted the new science standards known as Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Our district is fortunate to have science supported by the passage of a bond measure that will allow us to purchase 21st century science materials and curriculum for all students K-12. While the bond will support new elementary curriculum materials, our district will also be supporting professional development for teachers to gain comfort and confidence in teaching to NGSS.

The curriculum adoption process will begin during the 2014-15 school year, and likely will continue into the 2015-16 school year. Elementary teachers will have the opportunity to pilot new materials and give input into the material selection process. However, it is important that teachers who may want to pilot also participate in early PD regarding NGSS. These teacher leaders will give voice to the elementary needs, both for curriculum materials, but also for continued support in implementation of a new science inquiry process. These science leaders will also be the link between professional development at the district level and supporting their building level colleagues with information and on-site professional development.

Please send me the name of at least one, but no more than two teachers from your building who are willing to act as science teacher leaders for this year, and into next fall.

I would like the name(s) of your building representative by Monday, November 17th. If I can answer further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Harriet Tubman
