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Dear STEM Learning Ecosystem:

On behalf of the STEM Funders Network, a collaboration of over 25 philanthropic organizations focused on STEM education along the PreK-Workforce continuum, CONGRATULATIONS and **WELCOME** to the second cohort of what is now thirty-seven (37) selected communities that comprise the STEM Learning Ecosystem national Community of Practice. Together, we will continue the journey that will transform how students learn and how educators teach, with the objective of ensuring true STEM learning equity for all of our children.

Thank you for your commitment to this systemic transformational endeavor. Your collective leadership and engagement, coupled with the development of a rich and deep peer-to-peer learning environment, will ensure that every learner (student, educator, parent, etc.) can optimize his/her STEM learning experience, in and out of school, every day.

This will not be easy work. It will take time. And, it will no doubt often be messy. But in the end, we will have cultivated a new architecture from which STEM learning can flourish.

We look forward to working with you! Congratulations again for your selection into the *STEM Funders Network STEM Learning Ecosystems Initiative!*

With best regards,



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The STEM Funders Network brings together grantmakers working in STEM to learn from one another, leverage their collective resources and collaborate on high-impact projects they could not undertake alone. The vision of the STEM Funders Network is that all U.S. students should have equal opportunity to engage in high-quality STEM learning experiences that will enhance their ability to succeed in a STEM career or other chosen path.