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To Whom It May Concern:

The National Science Teaching Association (**NSTA**), in conjunction with the Utah Science Teachers Association (**UtSTA**), will be hosting an Area Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, from October 24–26, 2019. The theme of the conference is **This is the Place for Monumental Science**, and it will feature these supporting strands:

1. **Navigating Phenomenal Landscapes: Using Phenomena as a Way to Guide Science Instruction**
2. **Forming Natural Bridges: Integrating Science Across Content Areas**
3. **Hook 'Em for Life: Sustaining Science Teaching and Learning**

Teachers are critical to supporting students' learning, and this highly specialized professional development event will equip teachers with skills and knowledge to support all students in these pursuits. This NSTA area conference offers unique opportunities for those involved in science teaching to learn how to effectively integrate various instructional approaches into their teaching and learning environments including:

- General sessions from nationally known presenters including **Mireya Mayor (National Geographic Learning/ Cengage Explorer)** and **AnnMarie Thomas (Playful Learning Lab)**
- Hands-on workshops that enhance on-going development of teachers and school leaders to improve their content knowledge
  - Concurrent sessions to promote current best practices in instructional planning and Assessment
  - Networking opportunities to develop relationships within a nationwide professional community of science educators
  - Focused sessions on instructional strategies that make connections between literacy and scientific concepts and build pedagogical knowledge of science teaching.

We are confident that the programming and events associated with the NSTA Area Conference in Salt Lake will help to ensure successful implementation of science education into our schools and communities.

For more information, please visit the NSTA Conference website at [www.nsta.org/saltlakecity](http://www.nsta.org/saltlakecity).

We hope you and your colleagues will take advantage of this unique offering.

Sincerely,  
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