



**National  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The National Science Teachers Association ([NSTA](#)), in conjunction with the Washington Science Teachers Association ([WSTA](#)) will be hosting an Area Conference in Seattle, WA from December 12<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The theme of the conference is **Fostering a Culture for Science**, and it will feature these supporting strands:

- 1. Providing STEM Pathways for the Future - Featured Speaker: Bob Schwartz**
- 2. Building Partnerships for Effective Science Education - Featured Speaker: Chris Reykdal**
- 3. Finding Joy in Experiencing Science – Featured Speaker: Jonathan Plucker**

This highly specialized professional development event will equip teachers with skills and knowledge in the NGSS context of “All Standards for All Students” to support STEM education. This NSTA Area Conference offers unique opportunities to network with teachers and administrators who have already successfully integrated 3-dimensional learning in their districts. Attendees will learn how to work within and among districts and with other educational, community and business partners to effectively integrate culturally relevant, proven instructional approaches to provide a STEM literate society.

In addition to the Featured Speakers above, we will have:

- Workshops that enhance on-going development of teachers and school leaders to improve their content knowledge in the context of All Standards for All Students and 3-dimensional learning
- Networking opportunities to develop direct partnerships within a nationwide professional community of science educators in a lead NGSS state
- Focused sessions on a number of educational strategies that promote STEM literate, science-loving students, not only for STEM careers but for a scientifically literate society.

We are confident that the programming and events associated with the NSTA Area Conference in Seattle 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/seattle](http://www.nsta.org/seattle)

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

Sincerely,  
NSTA Seattle Area Conference Committee

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