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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to serve as a member of a Michigan Department of Education High School Science Content Expectations Review Group. As part of a major statewide initiative to reform secondary schools, new science content expectations for secondary school students have been drafted. On May 9, 2006, the State Board of Education reviewed the draft science expectations and granted its permission to begin a series of reviews which will take place throughout May and June. The goal is to bring rigor and relevance to the high school curriculum and to ensure that all Michigan students are prepared to enter either the workforce or postsecondary education with solid science foundations.

We expect that this committee will come together approximately four times over the next six or seven weeks. The role of the committee members is to thoroughly review the draft expectations, review input from the field (high school, university, and workplace), and make recommendations for final revisions. We will begin the web review of the draft expectations on Monday, May 15. We will meet as a group during the first and second weeks of June to review the comments that have been submitted and to plan for future meetings in June and July.

We thank you for your interest in improving science education in Michigan, and look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Susan Codere Kelly, project coordinator, to let her know of your interest and availability, at

. We look forward to working with you on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Caamal Canul

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