Greetings, educators!

Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) staff are seeking general education and special education educators with content expertise in science, at all grade bands, to serve on expert panels for the purpose of the review of existing and development of new alternate academic achievement science content standards (Essential Elements), which are the academic standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The panels serve a key part in the process of increasing the breadth of coverage of general education science content standards by Essential Elements. The updated science Essential Elements will serve as the foundation of future development of neighborhood learning map models in science as well as the next generation of high-quality assessments, instructional resources, and professional development.

Selected panelists who participate outside the scope of their usual job requirements will be paid a stipend of $80.00 to complete approximately four hours of self-directed advance training and $600.00 to participate in an on-site meeting or they may claim a substitute reimbursement paid directly to their district. The event will take place in Kansas City, MO, November 5-7, 2019. Panelists must be present for the entire on-site meeting. A certificate of participation can be provided for professional development purposes.

Panelist Benefits
- Collaborate and share perspectives with colleagues from the field
- An opportunity to contribute expertise to the development of science Essential Elements
- Embedded professional development

What are table panelists’ responsibilities?
1. Complete advance training prior to the event (online and self-paced).
2. Actively participate and engage in both on-site event training and the writing or review of science Essential Elements
3. Provide critical analysis of national science standards: adjust for breadth, depth, and complexity in order to assure alignment and accessibility for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
4. Learn and have fun networking with peers, while being involved in innovative research in the field of large-scale assessment.

If selected, based on your experience, you will be assigned to a small group that will focus on a specific area and grade band in which you will focus your writing or review of Essential Elements. Prior to the meeting, we will ask you to generally familiarize yourself with specific science Essential Elements and national science standards.

Airfare and hotel reservations will be arranged and paid for by Dynamic Learning Maps. Most participants will travel to Kansas City the evening of Monday, November 4 and depart the evening of Thursday, November 7. Participants will be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket travel expenses.

If interested in this valuable leadership and development opportunity, please complete the form at the link below as soon as possible. DLM staff will notify educators who are selected to serve on panels after the recruitment phase ends.
- https://kusurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6DcxFBgLc5Btxc1

Thank you,

DLM Staff