

## National Science Education Leadership Association Partners with Flinn Scientific to Expand Membership and Extend Member Benefits

*Partnership offers Science Education Leaders networking, collaboration, professional leadership development opportunities and best practices for improved science teaching and learning.*

**September 1, 2016** – The National Science Education Leadership Association (NSELA), [www.NSELA.org](http://www.NSELA.org), announced a new partnership with Flinn Scientific, [www.FlinnSci.com](http://www.FlinnSci.com), naming Flinn Scientific as the lead partner in a membership campaign intended to enhance leadership development opportunities and expand membership and member benefits among new science-education leaders nationally and to unite their respective communities.

Science leaders in districts across the country are experiencing extraordinary challenges due to the increased science education expectations and scholastic requirements being imposed and the necessity to keep pace with the innovations in science and technology, as well as new teaching and learning objectives. The challenges are largely driven by the introduction of new science standards and assessments, the need to deliver quality content through advanced technology, the integration and expanded need for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) college and career readiness of students, the acceleration of retiring science leaders, and teacher turnover due to competing careers.

These extraordinary challenges demand high-impact science leaders and resources to meet and master the development of effective science teachers. Both NSELA and Flinn Scientific believe that these challenges are best influenced and supported through a strong network of science-education leadership and with the commitment of increased investments in science teaching and learning.

"We welcome the opportunity to partner with NSELA and its affiliates, to help promote, strengthen and expand its current membership base and unite a collaborative network of science leaders from both organizations who collectively share the same mission in science education," said Kevin McNulty, Vice President for Flinn Scientific. "This partnership offers the science community a combination of resources, knowledge and a passion for science that will broaden in scope with the addition of science leaders and educators from across North America who all share the need to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving science and teaching environment."

"Collaborative partnerships are vital to our work as science educators," shared Keri Randolph, NSELA President. "We are pleased to partner with Flinn Scientific to strengthen and expand our network of science education leaders. NSELA connects and supports emerging and experienced science education leaders by providing high-quality professional learning, a supportive collegial network, access to research and resources, and a voice for leaders in science education. These are especially important during this time of change, and we look forward to working with Flinn Scientific in meeting the needs of our members."

Flinn Scientific and NSELA support science education through a number of conferences, workshops, networking opportunities, a wide range of resources and technology, as well as training for science education professionals at conferences.

District Curriculum Directors and Science Leaders are encouraged to visit [www.NSELA.org](http://www.NSELA.org) or [www.FlinnSci.com](http://www.FlinnSci.com) for more details about our commitment to growth for today and tomorrow's science-education leaders.



### ABOUT NSELA

NSELA catalyzes leadership to maximize effective science teaching and learning in a complex and changing environment. We connect and support emerging and experienced leaders by providing high-quality professional development, a collegial network, access to research and resources, and a voice for leaders in science education. The National Science Education Leadership Association (NSELA) was formed in 1959 to meet a need to develop science education leadership for K - 16 school systems. NSELA members have a strong interest in advances in a broad array of topics including: student learning, safety, curriculum, technology, professional development, assessment, inquiry, and science education reform. NSELA is an affiliate of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). For more information or to join NSELA, visit [www.NSELA.org](http://www.NSELA.org)



#### **ABOUT FLINN SCIENTIFIC**

Rated #1 among science teachers for science teaching & learning resources, Flinn Scientific is the trusted partner for teachers to find the guidance, inspiration, and materials they need to help students succeed. Flinn Scientific is based in Batavia, Illinois and was founded in 1977. Its primary mission is to support science educators and make a positive impact on student achievement in the science classroom and laboratory. Flinn Scientific is committed to unsurpassed customer service by providing the science community with the very best science education supplies, safety information, instructional materials and programs to facilitate their vital work. Over 150,000 science educators rely on Flinn Scientific annually for resources in science teaching and learning and for district science education solutions. For more information, visit [www.FlinnSci.com](http://www.FlinnSci.com)

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