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Dear Dr. Brzakovic,

As the Director of the Office of Sustainability for the New York City Department of Education, I am writing to confirm our intent to participate in the proposed Columbia-led STC: **Center for Learning the Earth with Artificial Intelligence and Physics (LEAP)**. Specifically, we will:

- Co-develop and advertise LEAP's programs to and recruit public school teachers for the five-day Summer Institute.
- Market the annual Parents Conference to families of students in our K-12 public schools, and support Dr. Oren Pizmony-Levy in curriculum design and evaluation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I look forward to participating in the Virtual Site Visit on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meredith McDermott".

Meredith McDermott  
Director, Office of Sustainability