Educators,

Welcome to the Know Soil Know Life Soils Educators In-Service Workshop presented by the Soil Science Society of America. We’re excited to have you with us as we present this inaugural soils in-service workshop. It’s the first of its kind and builds on 15 years of developing soils-related classroom materials for you, by our dedicated K-12 Outreach Committee!

We have a full day of information and materials, with time for reflection and feedback. In the workshop, we have sections with a focus on the following:

- Soils overview (and soil sampling) and why soils are important
- Soil Basics/Physics
- Soil Biology
- Soils and Climate Change
- Resources for your Classroom

Here are the workshop presenters who are excited to share their expertise and resources with you:

- Briana Wyatt, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, SSSA K-12 Outreach Committee Chair
- Jennifer DeBruyn, Associate Professor, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Margaret Holzer, Science Standards Specialist, Great Minds PBC
- Maninder Walia, Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist, University of Nevada-Reno

This workshop, with all of the valuable materials (including the amazing Soil Science bucket) you’ll be taking back to use in your classrooms, is possible with the support of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). USDA-NRCS partners with SSSA to engage with educators at all levels to bring the message of the value of soils to students of all ages. They also focus on conservation solutions to protect our environment while sustaining the economic viability of working lands.

Thank you for attending this in-service workshop and feel free to ask questions along the way!

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