The Oregon Department of Education’s Office of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment is seeking individuals to participate in a bias and sensitivity review of new science assessment items aligned to the 2014 Oregon Science Standards (Next Generation Science Standards). The purpose of the bias and sensitivity review is to ensure that Oregon statewide assessments are free from bias and stereotyping and are accessible to all Oregon students.

The science item sensitivity review will take place in Salem on **October 3-4, 2019**. This meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm with a working lunch. Panel participants will receive training on ODE’s Assessment Sensitivity Guidelines at the meeting prior to beginning the item review. Feedback from the item review will be shared with item developers to ensure that all items are equitable and free from bias prior to use in the OSAS Science Assessment. Panel members will be compensated for their time or receive substitute reimbursement as applicable.

If you are interested in participating in the upcoming sensitivity review, please complete this [application](https://forms.gle/uhro2Whq7X9j5dDX6) by 5:00 pm **Monday, September 9, 2019**. ODE will contact all confirmed participants by Monday, September 16, 2019 with a formal appointment letter and agenda that will address all details for the October 3-4 meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about 2019-2020 OSAS Science Assessment review panels.

Thank you,

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