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## **NATIONAL K–8 SCIENCE EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING INSTITUTE**

Meeting the Challenge of Science Education  
in a High-Stakes Environment

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Sunday, July 20–Friday, July 25, 2008  
Alexandria, Virginia

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An effective science education program is the bridge to science literacy for all students. Research-based science learning and teaching promote students' active involvement in their learning experiences, help them develop and retain scientific concepts and skills, hone their critical thinking and reasoning abilities, and prepare them to be members of the future workforce.

- What:** An intensive 5½-day working institute to guide your school districts through the rigorous process of developing a tailored strategic plan—a plan for initiating and implementing an effective research-based science education program founded in best practices.
- Where:** Alexandria, Virginia
- When:** Sunday, July 20–Friday, July 25, 2008
- Who:** A five-person leadership team of teachers, school administrators, a community leader, and a scientist or engineer.
- Program:** The institute program will focus on critical questions that school districts must address as they plan for and implement science education reform programs.
- Questions?** For more information, contact Mary Raucci at 202.633.2971 or [laser@si.edu](mailto:laser@si.edu)

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