



Dear Administrator,

I am excited to inform you about a free, web-based educational technology tool I could begin using immediately in my classroom to bolster student engagement and my own use of technology. This document will provide you with key information about MySciLife® and why I am confident it would enhance learning for our students.

### **What is MySciLife?**

MySciLife is a free, educational, social media platform from The Source for Learning, Inc., a U.S.-based nonprofit organization that has been developing educational resources for more than 40 years.

### **How Students Engage**

MySciLife is designed to make students more active learners and help them forge closer connections to the curriculum. In MySciLife, students create identities based on science concepts, conduct research to build profiles for their identities, and learn from one another as they personify their identities in posts and comments. MySciLife enriches middle-level instruction by leveraging social media elements students already enjoy using to create active connections with curricular content and develop digital citizenship skills.

### **Safety and Security**

Safety and security are top priorities, and MySciLife puts students' safety first by meeting the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) guidelines with third-party verification by kidSAFE. The platform requires, verifies, and easily obtains parental consent, and student accounts are part of a password-protected environment where interactions never include personal information. As a teacher, I moderate and control who joins and posts in my digital classroom community.

### **Teaching with Technology**

MySciLife offers a new approach to engaging students using social media and technology. MySciLife comes complete with a resource library of ready-to-go modules aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and a teacher community where educators share instructional strategies and implementation ideas. It also has a variety of support options that provide technical assistance and opportunities to grow my knowledge so I can continue to challenge students and their learning.

MySciLife would be a beneficial tool to use with my classes to enhance our students' science experiences through meaningful technology integration and creative teaching and learning. You can find additional information about MySciLife on the website: [www.myscilife.org](http://www.myscilife.org).

Thank you for your consideration,

