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Dear Dr Pugatschew

I am delighted to inform you that the application submitted on behalf of your organisation, in partnership with a number of schools, for an *Australian School Innovation in Science, Technology and Mathematics (ASISTM) Project* grant has been successful.

ASISTM is the Australian Government's major initiative to enhance science, technology and mathematics education and promote innovation and excellence in schools. It seeks to encourage leading edge teaching methods that other schools across the country could adopt in order to develop these key learning areas.

Through ASISTM, schools are brought together in productive relationships with industry, science organisations, universities and the broader community to foster a culture of innovation in schools, better coordinate primary and high school curricula, provide positive role models for science, technology and mathematics students, and in the longer term, attract greater numbers of quality students into teaching in these fields.

ASISTM has provided an exciting opportunity for a wide range of science organisations, universities, education authorities, industry and the wider community to work with schools and contribute their expertise and knowledge in a variety of ways.

A total of 586 schools and 324 non-school partner organisations throughout Australia will participate in this third round of ASISTM. A number of these organisations have taken the initiative to be involved in more than one ASISTM project. This round of projects will receive grants of between \$20,000 and \$80,000 depending on their scale and scope. The 98 projects being funded are exciting and diverse. They provide an excellent context for embedding lasting improvements in teaching and learning, and encouraging exemplary practice in schools throughout Australia.

I thank you and your colleagues for your enthusiasm and enterprise in advancing science, technology and mathematics education in Australia.

An overview of your project, the funding approved for it, and the partner schools and organisations involved, are attached. Further information about ASISTM and the other Round Three projects is available at: www.asistm.edu.au.

Curriculum Corporation continues to manage the ASISTM Project and will shortly contact Project Coordinators of successful clusters to arrange funding agreements.

My warmest congratulations on your success. Your organisation's involvement in this vital project is an opportunity to develop new and exciting relationships and to provide positive learning experiences for your team as well as the teachers and students involved. I look forward to hearing of your achievements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JULIE BISHOP

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