



Agreement Letter for PEF STEM Fellows 2026-2027



Name: _____ School: _____

We are pleased that you are applying to be a part of the 14th cohort of PEF's STEM Fellows (STF). If accepted into the STF program, you are entering into an agreement with the Public Education Foundation, lead partner and fiscal agent, and the PEF Innovation Hub, a partner of the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network. You will be expected to:

- Maintain full attendance at all sessions (Excused absences require the approval of the STF coordinators)
- Arrive on time and stay for the full duration of all sessions
- Participate fully in program activities
- Take a leadership role in advancing innovative education at your school and in your community
- Participate in online knowledge sharing among the cohort
- Commit to contributing to the development of an inclusive, respectful, and intellectually stimulating community of practice with the other fellows in the cohort.

As part of the year-long professional learning, STEM Fellows will:

- **Participate in the in-person summer institute: June 9-11, 2026 in Chattanooga, TN.**
- Participate in four full-day workshops during the school year (September, November, January, and March).
- Complete a job shadow with a regional STEM business during the Fall semester
- Lead a STEM-focused community project (e.g. Family STEM Night, partnership event, etc)
- Participate in the culminating celebration in May 2027 (date TBD by cohort).

As an acknowledgement of the time and commitment you are putting forth to this program, upon successful completion, you will receive a \$500 stipend. Failure to meet expectations as outlined above may result in non-remittance of the stipend.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge the terms and conditions of participation in the Innovation Educator Fellows, if selected, and my signature indicates I intend to comply with all stated herein. I understand submission of this letter does not guarantee admission into the cohort and is part of the application process.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Principal approval is required for participation in this program. By signing below, the principal acknowledges their understanding of and commitment to the program requirements listed above, including the school's responsibility for providing substitute coverage cost during the four days of STF professional development.

I, the undersigned, authorize this educator to participate in the workshops, educational sessions, and collaborative projects included in the Innovative Educator Fellows program requirements. I understand submission of this letter does not guarantee admission into the cohort and is part of the application process.

Principal Name (please print)

Signature of Principal

Date

Please return signed form via email, fax, or mail to:

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