



A Message from the Executive Director

Greetings,

What a pleasure it is to say hello, welcome and thank you to the many outstanding constituents of ASSET Inc.!

Hello is meant to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of ASSET. Having spent many years in both basic and higher education, I know ASSET from experiencing it in the schools, to working with my predecessor, Reeny Davison as a valued colleague as members of various regional committees. I was always inspired by what I saw.

Welcome comes from my heart, inviting you to get to know ASSET, to engage with us more deeply if you are already a friend, and most importantly, to join us in making a positive impact on teaching and learning in Pennsylvania and even beyond. We know now that our hands-on, inquiry-based approach to science and math education makes a statistically significant difference in student learning as measured by standardized tests. We also know we are making a positive difference in how teachers and students feel about their capabilities to engage in complex thinking.

Finally, *thank you* goes to Reeny for all that she has done to make ASSET and *Science: It's Elementary* national exemplars of standards-based education. Thank you to my new colleagues at ASSET who have worked so hard with Reeny to make such an impact. Thank you to our board, foundation and corporate partners, and volunteers whose support is critical to our sustained success; and thank you to our governor and legislators who have made Pennsylvania a beacon of success in science education through support for *Science: It's Elementary*. Thank you to teachers and students. You teach - you touch the future. You inquire and learn - you create the future. You have my admiration.



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