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General Lester L. Lyles
Chair
NASA Advisory Council
Washington, DC 20546

Dear General Lyles:

Enclosed is NASA's response to a recommendation from the NASA Advisory Council meeting held on August 29-30, 2018, at NASA Ames Research Center. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the Council would like further background on the response. I appreciate the Council's thoughtful consideration leading to the recommendations and welcome its continued findings, recommendations, and advice concerning the U.S. civil space program.

I look forward to working closely with you and members of the Council in the future.

Sincerely,

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

James F. Bridenstine
Administrator

Enclosure:
2018-02-02 (STEM-TF-01) Elevating the Status of the Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM
Education

NASA Advisory Council Recommendation

Elevating the Status of the Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education 2018-02-02 (STEM TF-01)

Recommendation:

The Council recommends that the NASA Advisory Council (NAC) Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education should become a regular committee of the NAC.

Major Reasons for the Recommendation:

A regular committee of the NAC that focuses on STEM engagement, and is made up of representatives from key stakeholder groups, will provide a set of diverse perspectives from different constituent groups about trends and current events in the national STEM movement.

Consequences of No Action on This Recommendation:

- The institutional knowledge developed by the current NAC Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education over the last 43 months will be lost.
- The Terms of Reference for the NAC Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education indicate that with no extension or formalization, the Task Force dissolves in November 2018.

NASA Response:

NASA concurs with the NASA Advisory Council (NAC) recommendation to elevate the NAC Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education to become a regular committee of the NAC. To that end, NASA is in the process of formally amending the NAC Charter to reflect this change. The name of this committee will be the STEM Engagement Committee. This change will take effect immediately upon the signature of the NASA Administrator on the amended NAC Charter.