



American Association of Physics Teachers

On March 29th, the Board of Directors voted to partner with the “March for Science” organization to advocate for science and science education. AAPT’s purpose in joining in the March is to bring attention to the importance of science education and research in the United State to improve the lives of our citizens and of the world. The March for Science (<https://www.marchforscience.com>) will be held on April 22nd, with the main march in Washington, D.C. and more than 400 satellite marches across the U.S. and the world. The March is a nonpartisan way to celebrate science at all levels, demonstrate scientists’ passion for science, and call for support and safeguarding of the scientific community. The March’s core principles most closely related to AAPT’s mission include: evidence-based policy and regulations in the public interest, cutting-edge science education, and diversity and inclusion in STEM. (The complete list of core principles is available at <https://www.marchforscience.com/mission-and-vision/>).

Why has AAPT joined the March for Science as a partner? This is a unique opportunity for AAPT members to rally around AAPT’s core values that are synergistic with the mission and core principles of the March. Although the March organizers have not posted information about activities to follow the March, we hope to build on the enthusiasm to move forward on a number of the issues facing STEM education and physics education, in particular. We hope that many members of the scientific community including AAPT members use this opportunity to express their first amendment rights about science in a positive manner.

What can you do as a physics teacher? Physics teachers have a unique position to educate the public about the importance of science and science education in the U.S. Furthermore, we can educate the public about the open and free exchange of ideas that is important to scientific progress and discovery. We can also express the need to provide quality physics and science education to every student and to support pre-service and in-service physics teachers.

The list of organizations partnering with the March has grown to over 70 and includes many preeminent science and science education membership organizations. Please consider joining these organizations and AAPT on April 22nd in Washington, D.C. or in a city near you and show your support for science.

Sincerely,

George Amann, AAPT President

Beth A. Cunningham, AAPT Executive Officer

PS - If you would like to show your support for the March with an AAPT-branded March for Science shirt, please click here (<http://marchforscienceshop.com/AAPT>). 100% of the net proceeds benefit the March for Science. Orders need to be placed by April 9 to guarantee delivery before the March.

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