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Re: Verification of Continuing Education Units for Kamila Bekshentayeva July 5th –July 10th, 2026.

Dear Kamila Bekshentayeva,

We would like to thank you for your participation in the 2026 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers (SEPT) at MIT. Attending this intensive 40-hour program, which ran from Sunday, July 5th through Friday, July 10th, 2026, demonstrates the tremendous commitment that you and your colleagues from across the world have to our profession of science education. We believe that your students will be the direct beneficiaries of your participation.

We are pleased to offer you the equivalent of 4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) OR 40 Professional Development Points (PDPs) for your participation in our program. Different employers recognize different units, and we certify that you have earned the equivalent of either one of these. Our initial goal has been to explore with you how we as engineers and researchers apply basic scientific principles to meet the technological challenges and needs of society. We hope that you will carry this perspective back to your students, capture their interest, and convince them of the value of understanding basic science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) because these permeate our everyday life.

Education is truly a continuum that stretches from the learning of first principles of math and science to advanced studies in engineering and technology; that is, from K-12 to graduate research, STEM professions, and the individual studies we conduct outside our careers. As your partners in education, we acknowledge that inspiring that continuum of learning is not only the responsibility of K-12 math and science educators, but also the responsibility of higher education institutions, science and engineering professionals, and communities.

We invited you to SEPT at MIT to do our part to help inspire life-long learning, and to show that educators are an esteemed part of the MIT community. Please stay in touch about the ways your teaching practices inspire and reach your peers and students at home, in schools, and around the world!

Sincerely yours,

Eric Klopfer

Director, Scheller Teacher Education Lab