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To ESSEA Proposal Reviewers:

As Dean of the College of Education, I am pleased to support and partner with the Department of Geosciences and the Florida Center for Environmental Studies at Florida Atlantic University on the ESSEA project. Specifically, the College of Education will assist the members of the project staff with the development and distribution of the modules, courses and related materials as appropriate. This will be done in direct collaboration with our Pine Jog Environmental Center, the school districts in our service area with all of whom we have existing projects and the appropriate community partners.

The College is also redesigning its environmental education master's degree program offered through Pine Jog to be more interdisciplinary and focus on four tracks. Two of which are specifically focused on developing better environmental science content for teachers. These courses are particularly useful for that program, but the component modules may also be used to support in-service activities for practicing teachers across the school districts, particularly given the recent results of student's state test scores in science concepts and knowledge.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner in this important endeavor and will assist to provide these opportunities as appropriate to prospective undergraduate teachers, practicing teachers across our school districts and graduate education students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. F. Alofa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory F. Alofa, Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor

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