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Dear Middle School Science Teachers,

Attached to this letter is the student performance checklist/rubric that should be used by your students in planning and conducting their Science Exit Project. This document was developed by the Urban Advantage Lead Teachers in association with the Urban Advantage Program and the Department of Science of the NYC Department of Education. We hope that this document will serve as an effective planning tool for students as they work on their Science Exit Projects. They can also use it as a self-assessment and peer-assessment tool to evaluate their work on these projects.

To develop this tool, we used the “Grade 8 Exit Project: Science- Rubric” found in the *Grade 8 Exit Project Guide: Science* as a foundation and modified it to meet the needs of our students. You should administer it primarily for formative assessment, providing feedback to the students while they are engaged in the Exit Project process in order to inform their next steps. The students can also use the rubric as a summative assessment tool to evaluate their final product.

We are working on an enhanced version for teachers that can be used for similar purposes, but more as a final assessment tool. This rubric should be available shortly. We hope that both will provide the necessary support for successful participation in the Science Exit Project process.

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