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### **LOCAL STUDENTS' DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH CONTRIBUTES TO GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING OF EARTH AS A SYSTEM**

Students at *(NAME of School)* today took scientific measures of the Earth systems and will share their observations with other students and scientists around the world. *(NAME of School)* students join an international network of students worldwide taking scientific measurements of the Earth. More than 100 countries participate in the GLOBE Program, an international environmental science research and hands-on education program that unites students, teachers, and scientists in study and research about the dynamics of Earth's environment. GLOBE has reached over one million primary and secondary students in more than 20,000 schools around the world.

GLOBE students in *(name of school)* take research-quality environmental measurements, use these data in their own research and make them available to scientists around the world. "Unlike traditional school science programs, teachers and students at *(name of school)* participate in actual science investigations led by scientists. Through participation in the program, students have many opportunities to interact with scientists and contribute their data to actual scientific research," said *(Name of a source such as partner)*.

Investigation areas in which students collect data include atmosphere, hydrology, soil, land cover/biology, and global positioning systems and seasons. Today, the students collected data in *(name area/s of measurements)*. "The GLOBE Program provides *(name of school)* students with many stimulating investigative opportunities to explore the environment and enables them to contribute data to research that would otherwise be unavailable," added *(same source as above)*.

According to Dr. Barbara Means of SRI International, a California (U.S.A.) firm with a world-renowned expertise in education evaluation, "There is evidence of enhanced science and mathematics learning in classrooms where GLOBE is being implemented." The evaluations by SRI also found the GLOBE Program is adaptable to a wide range of grade levels and contexts, and compatibility with inquiry and collaborative learning models.

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