



Linda Darling-Hammond, Chair
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Dear Ms. Linda Darling-Hammond and Associates,

I am writing to you at this email address because I have found it to be quite difficult to contact you and the Education Policy Working Group through the Obama Transition Team office and website. Perhaps you have received the materials that I have sent you through those means, but if so I have not been notified of the fact.

In any case, I am writing to you on behalf of the US Partnership on Education for Sustainable Development and the Working Group for Sustainable Change. We have drafted two papers which I am as attachments regarding Sustainable Change and the need to focus on Education for Sustainability in America's schools. The US Partnership includes five sector teams covering such areas as: Business, Communities, Faith Communities, Higher Education, and K-12 and Teacher Education; five action teams; and several hundred partner organizations, colleges, and networks. For more information about it you can go to: www.uspartnership.org.

The Working Group for Sustainable Change came together during the summer in order to develop recommendations and materials suggesting that the Obama Administration adopt Sustainable Change as a primary organizing principle within the federal government and lead our country towards making a rapid transition to a sustainable future. The Working Group has been in contact and consulted with many of President-elect Obama's top Energy and Environmental Advisors. Both working groups include and represent many of the leaders and professionals within the sustainability field.

If it is possible we would like to make arrangements for a small delegation from the US Partnership on Education for Sustainable Development to meet with you and your group. This would probably include at least Ms. Debra Rowe, President of the US Partnership; Ms. Gilda Wheeler, K-12 Co-Chair for the Partnership and Program Coordinator, Education for Environment and Sustainability, under Washington State's Superintendent of Public Instruction; and myself.

Thank you for your consideration of our materials and our recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to talk with us about such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Rob Wheeler
US Partnership on Education for Sustainable Development
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