WHAT’S HAPPENING IN GLOBAL EDUCATION IN NORTH AMERICA?

Dear Global Education Colleague,

As you are aware, recent events have made it painfully clear that North Americans need a better understanding of the world in which they live. At the same time, it also has become clear that the assessment/standards movement has seemed to make it more difficult to bring a global perspective to the curricula of the schools.

Even so, many outstanding global education programs do exist. However, for a number of years now there has been no serious, large-scale effort to determine the state of global education in North America. For that reason, a group of us, all very much involved in the movement, has decided to try to put together an electronic (and perhaps printed) directory of relevant programs so that educators can share ideas, learn from each other, and develop global education programs for their students.* To that end, we have designed the attached questionnaire and are asking you to take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to us. We also are asking you to identify other individuals, programs, projects that you believe would be worthy of inclusion in such a directory. We would like this to be as comprehensive as possible. You will be notified of the results of the project upon its successful completion.

For your information, the definition of global education that we are using is the one from the 1991 ASCD Yearbook, Global Education: From Thought To Action:

Global education involves learning about those problems and issues that cut across national boundaries, and about the interconnectedness of systems—ecological, cultural, economic, political, and technological. Global education involves perspective taking—seeing things through the eyes and minds of others—and it means the realization that while individuals and groups may view life differently, they also have common needs and wants.

We thank you, in advance, for your participation,

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Graham Pike, University of Prince Edward Island
Andrew Smith, The American Forum for Global Education
Ken Tye, Chapman University

* Some of you may remember the Global Education Yellow Pages published by the American Forum for Global Education.
The Questionnaire

Name of the Organization: __________________________________________________

Contact Person and Title____________________________________________________

Address_________________________________________________________________

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Phone_____________________________ Fax____________________________

e-mail_____________________________

Please Check Major Area(s) of Concern of Your Organization:
____Area/Culture Studies ____Civic/Citizenship Education ____Development Education
____Environmental Studies ___Global Education ___Human Rights Education
____International Studies ___Multicultural Education ___Peace Studies
____Sustainability Education ___Other (name)__________________________

Please Check Major Purpose(s) of Your Organization:
____ Curriculum Development ____ Teacher Training ____ Influence Policy ____ Other
(name)___________________________

Please Check Target Audience(s) of Your Organization:
____ Students ____ Classroom Teachers ____ Teacher Trainers ____ Curriculum
Workers ____ Policy Makers/School Administrators ____ Other (name)______________

Please Check Service(s) Provided by Your Organization:
____Newsletter ____ List-serve ____ Website (name)__________________________
____ Products (name)________________________________

Size of the Organization (number and type of staff members): ______________________

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Brief Description of Major Initiative(s) (or attach written description):

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Names and contact information for other individuals and organizations that should be asked to respond to the survey:

Return this questionnaire to:

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