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Subject: Center for Curriculum Redesign

Dear Charles,

I am very pleased to hear that you are creating a Center for Curriculum Redesign, which promotes a renewed and shared global understanding of the curriculum. A dynamic look at what is essential in curriculum necessitates a corresponding, bold reconsideration of the nature of knowledge and learning, the contents and the pedagogical practices of the school. It is time to rethink what is it that we want students to know and be able to do in future societies and in a globalizing world. The curriculum is a crucial tool for establishing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and learning, although it needs to be redesigned to serve that purpose. I deeply agree on your summary proposal for the mission of the Center.

I'm very pleased that Finland is invited to participate in this important work with other jurisdictions. We will gladly join your Board of Directors of this center. Ms. Erja Vitikka will be the Finnish representative on the Board.

Best Regards,

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