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Dear Colleagues,

After one year with a license agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and a Joint Venture Task Force we wish to provide a shared update on the work between the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education<sup>1</sup> (the Alliance) and the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America<sup>2</sup> (AWSNA).

Since the license and MoU were signed last March, a new group was established—the Joint Venture Task Force—made up of representatives from AWSNA and the Alliance to support the highest priorities of each Association. The primary work has focused on supporting the Alliance in establishing a sustainable membership Pathway, and on the Alliance supporting its member schools in updating school material to strengthen the meaning of Public Waldorf Education.

In the coming year we will continue these activities and work with the Pedagogical Section Council to host several regional one day conferences in support of educators inspired by Steiner’s ideas in all educational environments.

Waldorf educators, whether they work in independent or in public schools, hold Rudolf Steiner's goal for education to be eloquently expressed in this quote: "*Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and meaning to their lives.*" In all of Waldorf Education lives the hope of providing new ideas for cultural and educational renewal in our communities. It is with tremendous excitement and hope that we look towards a future of working collaboratively in service to the children of North America.

Respectfully and with gratitude,

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<sup>1</sup> Membership consists of U.S. public charter and district schools

<sup>2</sup> Membership consists of U.S., Canadian, and Mexican independent schools

