

Joint Organization Communique #2

Monday, December 7, 2015

"Behold I make all things new ..."

Greetings colleagues,

The working group met again on Thursday, November 26. As the group discussed a common vision and specific roles, it became clearer that our work would result in a new organization rather than just a merger of the three existing organizations. The new organization would be built on pillars such as Learning, Leadership, Sustainability, Innovation, and Public Advocacy. Each pillar would be maintained by a council comprised of educators, administrators, school board members and recognized experts in that respective field. Each pillar would support the mission of the new organization to create capacity for courageous, innovative Christian education that will educate for responsible citizenship.

We discussed feedback that the members had heard from their respective constituencies. The feedback was positive with some cautions. The cautions related to how any one partner's interests would be protected in the event of a workplace dispute. We agreed that current safeguards for dispute resolution would be preserved.

With expert help, the working group will continue to refine the mission, vision, values and structure, and hold town halls for member input. Sometime within the next year and a half, the membership of the existing organizations will have an opportunity to vote on joining the new enterprise.

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