

### Appendix 3



## INSTRUCTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Ms. Kopp:

Mary Hatwood Futrell was intrigued with the enthusiasm and creativity you shared with her in your February 6 letter. She has asked me to respond on her behalf.

Your idea of a "National Teacher Service" is an interesting one. Similar concepts have surfaced before. The prospect of attracting career educators out of an initial service experience is the most appealing aspect of your proposal. As members of the teaching profession, we have some trouble accepting any short term service corps as occupying a significant role in this country's educational commitment. But in a purely supplemental or career investigative capacity, much benefit might be derived from such a program.

We feel strongly that the core of this Nation's commitment to education must flow from fully prepared, career focused, and professionally oriented persons. Even a suggestion that acceptable levels of expertise could develop in short termers simply doesn't mesh with what those of us in the business know it takes to do the job--much less with what our young people need and deserve.

Now this may sound like I find little merit in your concept. Quite to the contrary, I think the need to discover and encourage the best and brightest of our students to investigate teaching, and in doing so to provide a supplemental function in the schools has great potential. I suggest that you contact our state affiliate, the New Jersey Education Association (P. O. Box 1211, 180 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08607). In particular, I suggest that you contact Mr. John Pietrowicz of NJEA who is their Director of Instruction and Professional Development. Possibly they or someone they might suggest can help you with the development and practical implementation aspects of your idea. You will

get your best help and direction from working closely with practicing teachers and their local organizations.

We certainly wish you the very best with your idea and hope you choose to devote your energies to a career in teaching. There are few more satisfying or challenging professions you could elect.

Sincerely,



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