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*A Newsletter for Rural
Education Policy*

Good morning AIRSS members,

As we begin the new year, we are busy working on a number of issues around policy and legislation. This new communication piece entitled *Roads Between: A Newsletter for Rural Education Policy*, will serve as a tool to keep you informed on matters of state and federal policy and legislation.

At the moment the most pressing and time consuming work is around the transition of the Office of the President of the United States and the new

administration. We (AIRSS) are fortunate through my board positions with NREA to be invited to sit in on meetings with the Biden Transition Team on three occasions, including two visits with, Will McIntee, National Rural Engagement Director for Vice President Joe Biden's Presidential Campaign and with the Education Transition Team headed by Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond.

It is our intention to help the transition team and the new administration understand the importance for rural education to have a formal place in the administration, a specific contact for our voice to be heard and serious consideration around the notion of equity all through the rural lens.

I have also been included in meetings with the group Organizations Concerned about Rural Education (OCRE). This organization includes more than two dozen national education, farm, agriculture, tele-com, energy, tribal and business organizations dedicated to the improvement of public education in rural communities and the fostering of economic development in rural America.

As we close this year and look to a new 2021, AIRSS will be sharply focused on rural education policy at the state and federal level. Diligently working on your behalf to improve the lives of our rural students, teachers and communities. Please take a few minutes to look at the two attachments that include notes from the transition team meetings and the position paper from OCRE.

All the best,



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