**USA Public School Survey Communication** October 1, 2014

Introduction to Survey

Inverness Associates, a consulting group focused on developing green, sustainable schools, is surveying public schools in a dozen representative states to learn about environmental education and sustainability programs, as reflected in your school’s facilities and operations, food program, curriculum, and connections to informal science and environmental education organizations. We are especially interested in your views as a principal.

This survey has been developed through my work as a long-time school principal, as a visiting scholar at the Stanford and UC Berkeley Schools of Education, as an advisory board member for the National Green Schools Network, and with the U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools program. The survey of traditional public and charter school principals in twelve selected states will give education leaders a portrait of environmental education and sustainability in public schools and how our schools are “going green.” And the survey will also enable us to better understand the challenges and opportunities faced by principals and schools so that we can develop a roadmap to strengthen environmental education and sustainability in our state.

The survey should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and your responses will be kept confidential. Although you may choose to submit your information anonymously, we hope you will provide contact information as we anticipate preparing profiles of some of the state’s leading green schools.

When the research is complete, we will be glad to send you a link to a PDF summary of the findings, which can be used to benchmark your school’s work in this important area. Thank you very much for your participation.

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