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This is the event that I referenced. Forgive me...I was thinking it was October but now realize it was for January. :0)

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Greetings, Chiefs for Change. Checker Finn here on behalf of the Hoover Institution's Koret Task Force on K-12 Education. (If that rings no bells, you might check out <http://www.hoover.org/taskforces/education>)

The eleven Task Force members met last week and, with the hearty endorsement of Hoover management, agreed that we'd be honored to have as many of your hardy band as can conveniently join us come to the Stanford campus the next time we meet and spend most of Thursday January 12 talking with us (and other Hoover folks) about state-level education reform. From this may arise multiple benefits: better understanding of what your agenda and priorities are, how it aligns with our own reform priorities, how it's working, what are the main obstacles, and more. This may give rise to new Task Force projects and studies (perhaps focused on particular states) and to some writing--maybe including some popular journalism--that would feature you, your state and your agenda.

You, in turn, might benefit from (or at least enjoy) the inter-action and whatever experience, research and insight we may be able to lend you and your colleagues.

I could explain in much greater length what we have in mind, but here's the short version: approximately four hours with the Task Force itself beginning over lunch on January 12, then followed by an invitational dinner-symposium with Hoover heavyweights (and donors, friends, etc.). If your calendar is tight that week, you could arrive that morning and leave early the next morning. Hoover would cover all expenses if that's allowed at your end.

Might you be able to join us? You don't have to "commit" now, just let us know if this is thinkable on your own schedule. If so, we'll send plenty more information.

Kindly copy tintinyw@stanford.edu and sousa@stanford.edu on your reply to me. And do, if possible, let us know at your earliest convenience whether this may work for you.

Thanks and best regards, Checker Finn & colleagues

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