

March 20, 1993

TO: Carol Rasco
FROM: Bill Galston
SUBJ: Your forthcoming speech to the National Association of
State Boards of Education

You know this area at least as well as I do. In my own speeches and presentations during the past couple of weeks, I have found that the issue of better coordination strikes a very responsive chord. In particular (as we were discussing at the Head Start meeting yesterday), the idea of rethinking Head Start and Chapter 1 in tandem with each other is very persuasive.

I have used the metaphor of a multi-state rocket to capture this idea. Stage 1 is what we do for infants and toddlers; stage 2 is Head Start and other organized pre-K activities; stage 3 is Chapter 1. Only if these three rocket stages are linked and fire in sequence will vulnerable kids get off the launching pad and achieve escape velocity (i.e., escape from vulnerability, poverty, and diminished expectations).

A second theme that strikes a responsive chord is that of Bill Clinton taking to Washington what he learned and achieved as governor, in Arkansas and in the context of the NGA. A perfect example is the National Education Goals. Without going too deeply into details, you could certainly say that the President is working on legislation that will make the goals meaningful and effective for every school district in America, through

- o meaningful standards and assessment
- o reformed curricula that reflect the goals
- o fair opportunity to learn for every child
- o training that enables teachers to master the new curriculum materials and present it in an innovative and effective manner to students

Office of Domestic Policy

TO: Bill Galston

FROM: Carol H. Rasco

SUBJ: Speech/Meeting Interview

NASBE

DATE of event 3/22

Attached is the background information I have to date on the function listed. I would appreciate briefing materials by noon on Fri, 3/19.

Thanks!

**National Association of State Boards of Education**

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March 15, 1993

Ms. Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for
Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

The National Association of State Boards of Education is pleased that you have agreed to speak to our Government Affairs Committee from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 1993. The Committee will be meeting in the Belle Air Room of the Washington Vista Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW. I will meet you at the Concierge Desk of the hotel a little before 11:00 to escort you to the meeting.

Please let me know if there is any other information about the National Association of State Boards of Education that you would like prior to this meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adele Robinson
Director of Government Affairs



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February 22, 1993

The Honorable Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

Thank you for accepting the invitation to speak to the Government Affairs Committee of the National Association of State Boards of Education from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on March 22. The meeting will be held at the Washington Vista Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW. I will be able to provide you with the exact room closer to the meeting date.

One of the priorities of state boards of educations and this organization is the coordination of the reform movements in education, health care, welfare and programs for low income Americans. We would appreciate hearing your views on how these reform movements can be better coordinated to serve children and youth better and how state boards of education can assist this effort.

I have enclosed a list of the members of the Government Affairs Committee and some information on the National Association of State Boards of Education for your review.

We look forward to meeting with you. Please feel to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Adele Robinson
Director of Government Affairs

The National Association of State Boards of Education represents state and territorial boards of education. Our principal objectives include: strengthening state leadership in educational policymaking; promoting excellence in the education of all students; advocating equality of access to educational opportunity; and assuring continued citizen support for public education.

NASBE has been a leader in several education areas: early childhood education (Right from the Start and Caring Communities: Report of the National Task Force on School Readiness); comprehensive health education, school clinics, and AIDS education (Code Blue: Uniting for Healthier Youth); special education (Winners All); multicultural education (American Tapestry); and assistance to Federal and state legislators and policymakers on teacher training, development of education standards and curricular frameworks, urban education, and education reform.

The Government Affairs Committee members represent diverse states. For the calendar year 1993, the members are:

Nancy Wood, Arkansas - *relative and friend!*
Chair

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| Beverly Greenberg (CT) | Sam Greer (SC) |
| John Sprague (MD) | James Ullman (AZ) |
| Karen Saudek (VT) | Wanda Morrison (KS) |
| Norma Cook (IN) | Corine Hadley (IA) |
| Joseph Kelly (KY) | Ron Butcher (NJ) |
| Shirley Hawk (OH) | Al Johnson (OK) |
| James MacCallum (WVA) | Deborah Miller (IL) |
| Tom Davis (TX) | Ester Yanza (Guam) |



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Accept
Prefer 11-12 noon

February 11, 1993

~~Will have info.
 Vista Hotel~~

*Is meeting
 at this
 address?
 Can I
 obtain
 roster
 of comm.
 & any
 public
 files on
 their
 current
 priorities
 etc.?*

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 Assistant to the President for
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 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco:

At the request of Nancy Wood, a member of the Arkansas State Board of Education and chair of the Government Affairs Committee of the National Association of State Boards of Education, I would like to invite you to speak at our next meeting on Monday, March 22, 1993 in Washington, DC. Your insights into President Clinton's agenda for education reform, early childhood programs, health care and other domestic policy issues affecting children and youth will be invaluable to state board of education members.

The Government Affairs Committee will meet between 9:00 a.m. and noon on March 22. Please let me know if you will be available to meet with the Committee for an hour during that morning. I would appreciate a reply by March 3.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will be able to join us in March.

I hope you will join us. We look forward to hearing your ideas on how to improve the education of the nation's children.

Sincerely,

Adele Robinson

Adele Robinson
 Director of Government Affairs

cc: Nancy Wood, Arkansas State Board of Education