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As I mentioned to Kelly, I'm really excited about the concept of the Denver Green School, and would love to help how we can in making it a reality. Our firm focuses on sustainable/green buildings, including the renovation of existing buildings (after all, the greenest building is one that already is built). I was fortunate to spend the very beginning of my career working with Lincoln Public Schools in Nebraska to convert some of their historic buildings to geothermal heat pump systems. So, the concept of turning an existing building into an energy efficient one is something we have a lot of experience with. We're also fortunate to be working with Kelly on the Green Valley Ranch Shared campus, which had really aggressive sustainability goals, so we're really excited to see the trend within DPS to really move towards greener schools.

I thought I would also mention that I'm on the United States Green Building Council's Colorado chapter of their Green Schools Advocacy Committee. It's a great group of volunteers, and we're usually looking for additional members, particularly from the school administration side. We have a couple school Principals in the group, and find their feedback and contributions to be invaluable. I'm sure that it would be a great resource for you to tap into as well, as the experience of the members is really geared around schools, including green curriculum. We usually have monthly meetings, and the amount of time you need to be involved with it could be as minimal as the once-per-month meetings, or much greater if you desired. If this sounds like something you would be interested in being a part of, let me know.

Feel free to email or call at anytime, even if it's just to bounce a quick idea off of. Good luck with your school, and I hope to hear from you soon!

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