

Marianne Larned Stone Soup Leadership Institute September 6, 2020

Dear Marianne,

It was delightful speaking with you and your team-- Trevor Tanka, Erik Assadourian, and my former student, Jack McCoy-- last week on Zoom. I appreciate all that you are doing at Stone Soup to form alliances and create educational programs and opportunities that highlight sustainability and the blue/green economy.

As you can imagine, raising awareness for sustainability and directing students to a career path that includes blue economy is important to us here at Cape Cod Academy. We know too well the crises our fragile environment faces each day on the cape and around the world. We have dedicated time in our curriculum for programs such as Water Day and we host an Environmental Summit each year for students across the cape to discuss, network, and plan action in support of our environment and sustainability. Last year, a group of students in grades 5 and 12 collaborated to raise money to purchase and install refillable drinking stations to rid the school of single use plastic bottles.

I am very excited to partner with your group of educators and researchers to beta test a 10-week program that supports sustainability education. The students nominated from our school will surely benefit from this educational opportunity to enhance our current work as well as aspirations we have for expanding partnerships and work on the cape around the blue economy. I would love to see these young people make this part of their career and college goals. Bringing this program to our students free of cost to use is generous, and I thank you for this opportunity. It fits with our mission to "foster a life-long drive to learn and grow and make a difference in the world ... [and] prepare to be successful in college, healthy in life, and contributors to society - both locally and globally."

Again, thank you for your support of our work at CCA to engage in studies and action surrounding sustainability and blue/green economy with this 10-week educational program.

Sincerely,

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