



# NEW ENGLAND BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Dear Dragan,

As you are aware, the Open Education grassroots have been hard at work for over a decade in New England, and in the last three years we've seen the emergence of several statewide committees, working groups and councils all striving towards and invested in increasing student access, affordability, and agency of their learning materials.

The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), in its role as a regional coordinating entity, recognizes and seeks to build upon the efforts and leadership of its critical stakeholders to support the reinvention of the region's higher education sector. We believe that NEBHE is in a unique position to amplify existing New England efforts in the Open Education movement to not only help contain student costs, but to also drive innovative pedagogies and increase equitable access to postsecondary education. To learn more about our organization, we encourage you to view our [2018 Annual Report](#).

We write to ask if you would serve on a regional Open Education Advisory Committee, comprised of passionate individuals like yourself, who are working toward leveling the playing field for students in our region. More specifically, the committee will work to identify ways in which NEBHE can assist in and build upon coordinated State initiatives, develop policy frameworks, and share best practices to ultimately accelerate the integration of Open Education and Open Education Resources in our region.

I understand your time is valuable and limited. I anticipate a monthly video conference call as our primary form of communication and advisement, but we would like to gather the committee in-person after our first call. Please save the following dates:

**Initial Video Conference Call:** Monday, December 16, 10:00 am -11:00 am

**In-person all-day retreat at NEBHE** (45 Temple Pl, Boston, MA 02111): Tuesday, January 14, 9:00 am -3:00 pm

I've attached a few documents that you will find helpful when considering your participation, but I am more than happy to schedule a time to speak briefly by phone to answer any questions. I look forward to connecting, and thank you for your consideration to serve.

Sincerely,

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