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Dear Claudio:

I was impressed by the level of the education panel discussion at the NPR conference this past weekend. It was dramatically above the typical discourse in the media—and among policy makers.

I thought you might find this book on global education reform of interest to help put the U.S. discussion in perspective. The book demonstrates that other countries are struggling with many of the same problems as those in the United States, although they often adopt quite different policies to deal with them. For example, few countries hold teachers accountable for their students' test scores, and I am aware of no country that has a system like No Child Left Behind. And, for all countries, the "achievement gap" linked to poverty is the most difficult problem.

I am also enclosing articles on current myths about education, based in part on the book. I have sent the same materials to Larry Abramson.

I look forward to continuing to hear your reports.

Kindest regards,



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