## **Afterword**

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It is my hope that our readers will find themselves intellectually engaged in the articles appearing in this issue, and politically inclined to participate in the democratization of our nation's schools. I encourage readers to share their reactions, analyses, and thoughts by contacting Teacher Education Quarterly at www.tegjournal.org.

—Thomas Nelson Editor