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Statement from Antioch University Seattle concerning the Urban Environmental Education program:

Five years ago, Antioch University Seattle and IslandWood inaugurated a partnership devoted to the development and delivery of a graduate program in Urban Environmental Education. That partnership created a nationally recognized program with a unique curriculum leading to a Master of Education in Urban Environmental Education which prepared graduates for positions that promote inclusive environmental leadership. The partnership has been rewarding and informative for Antioch. We celebrate our alumni who are already making a difference in the world, our current students, as well as the program's accomplishments and contributions to the University and community.

Antioch University Seattle and IslandWood mutually have decided to continue the partnership to offer the current Master of Education in Urban Environmental Education for one more year only, through September 2019. This was a difficult business decision, and financial constraints have weighed heavily on this conclusion. IslandWood has been a valued and trusted partner since the program launched four years ago, and each organization shares an interest in the success and sustainability of the other.

Each organization now will turn to focus on its strengths and commitments to its stakeholders. Antioch University is nationally recognized for Environmental Studies, and we will continue to enhance our role in Environmental Studies in Seattle as we leverage our status as a nationally networked university. AUS will thus continue its commitment to the goals of the UEE program and will engage in discussions with our partners, students, and alumni in order to identify and advance key initiatives that will position us for continued leadership in environmental justice.

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