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Dear Board Members, Contributors and Governmental Leaders:

Governance

The SCCEE board of directors will meet on Friday, September 17 at noon at the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1700 in Columbia.

We are pleased to inform you that our **ELITE Teachers**, *Educational Leaders in Teaching Economics*, will join us for the first portion of the meeting. The ELITEs will spend the day at the Chamber of Commerce in intense training with the Centers for Economic Education directors.

Programs

Our Center directors and ELITE teachers have been busy with back-to-school trainings in the following locations:

- **Richland School District Two** in-service training for elementary, middle and high school teachers on August 4.
- **Midlands Math and Business Academy**, a newly opened charter school in Richland School District One for students in grades 4-7 on August 5 with a follow-up session scheduled for September 1.
- **Greenville School District's** Connect Conference for teachers with three years or less of teaching experience on August 18.
- **Geofest** sponsored by the South Carolina Geographic Alliance on August 28.

Upcoming programs include:

- *Economic and Financial Literacy* training for all teachers of grades 3-8, cosponsored by **Lee County School District**, September 1 with a follow-up session on October 6.
- *Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum: Making Economics Fun for the Diverse Learner*, cosponsored by the **SC Department of Education's Office of Exceptional Children**, September 23.

SC Stock Market Simulation

Let the trading begin! This semester's stock market competition runs from October 4 to December 10. Orientation sessions for teachers new to the program will be held in Bluffton, Columbia, Lake City, Laurens, Spartanburg, and Walterboro. Information on how the simulation works can be found at www.scarolinasm.com.

Mayor's Blue Chip Investors Program

Mayor Bill Barnet is sponsoring the *Mayor's Blue Chip Investors Program* for students in grades 4 to 12 in **Spartanburg School District Seven**. The sponsorship covers the registration cost for up to 100 teams to participate in the stock market simulation. The team with the best portfolio wins the honor of having dinner with Mayor Barnet and each team member receives a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

New Partnership

The **South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants (SCACPA)** will partner with SCCEE to conduct eight *Learning, Earning and Investing* workshops in 2005. *Learning, Earning*

and Investing is the latest curriculum for middle and high school teachers published by the **National Council on Economic Education** and ties closely to the CPA's *360 Degrees of Financial Literacy*, a multi-faceted education program for everyone from school-age children to retirees.

South Carolina JumpStart Coalition

The next meeting of the *SC JumpStart Coalition* is Friday, September 24, 9:30 a.m. at the SC Association of Certified Public Accountants, 570 Chris Drive, West Columbia. All parties interested in improving financial literacy in South Carolina are invited to attend and join the coalition.

Wealthbuilding: What's That?!

It appears that in our society wealthbuilding has become a counterculture concept. Consider the following statistic:

In 2003, the average credit-card debt of U.S. households with at least one card was \$9,205, up from \$2,966 in 1990, according to the research firm CardWeb.com.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to teach young people to think before they charge.

Warm regards,



Helen Meyers
President