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North Carolina Council on Economic Education and Bank of America Team up to Support Financial Literacy Programs

\$25,000 Grant from Bank of America Charitable Foundation Supports Financial Literacy Efforts

Raleigh, N.C. — The North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE) announced today that it has received a \$25,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation in support of the NCCEE’s economic and financial literacy efforts for North Carolina’s educators and students. The NCCEE provides staff development workshops for North Carolina’s K-12 teachers at which attendees receive resources, standards-based curricula, and training. The NCCEE also sponsors statewide academic competitions designed to engage students in fun ways that incorporate 21st Century Skills.

The programs of the NCCEE were endorsed by the Honorable Janet Cowell, State Treasurer of North Carolina, at the November 5 meeting of the State Board of Education. In a statement immediately following the meeting, Treasurer Cowell said, “Given current budget constraints, I understand the difficulties of initiating new programs to help students, no matter how worthy the focus area,” stated Cowell. “The North Carolina Council on Economic Education, the National Endowment for Financial Education, and the College Foundation of North Carolina are available to help high schools and colleges provide financial education to their students.”

“At Bank of America, we believe that a strong foundation in financial literacy basics is a critical skill for future economic success,” said Charles Bowman, North Carolina and Charlotte market president for Bank of America. “We are pleased to continue our support of NCCEE’s efforts to advance opportunities for teachers that will ultimately benefit our youth, helping them grow into financially savvy adults.”

Sandy Wheat, Executive Director of the NCCEE said, “The generous support we have received from Bank of America helps to ensure that the NCCEE will continue to provide the programs and services that North Carolina’s teachers and students have utilized for nearly forty years. The activities and resources we provide are a vital component of the personal financial literacy skills which are now required to be taught in North Carolina’s schools.”

About the North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE):

The North Carolina Council on Economic Education was founded in 1970. NCCEE is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization working with K-12 teachers statewide to give our students a better understanding of economics and to prepare them for personal financial decision-making. With support from private businesses and foundations, and through partnerships with state agencies, the NCCEE is a tremendous example of an effective public-private partnership. More information on is available at www.nccee.org.