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Stephen Day Named Programs Director for the NCCEE

(Raleigh, N.C.)- September 23, 2010- Stephen Day has joined the North Carolina Council on Economic Education, NCCEE, as Programs Director, and will therefore be leading efforts to organize and implement teacher-training workshops, coordinate state-wide competitions, and to act as the economics curriculum specialist.

Mr. Day is from West Lafayette, Indiana. He grew up within a few blocks of Purdue University, which he attended as an undergraduate, earning the B.A. in Social Studies education. Mr. Day moved to Raleigh in 2002, where he took a position teaching social studies at Sanderson High School before moving to Raleigh Charter High School, where he taught for five years. He was also the varsity soccer coach at Raleigh Charter, leading the team to a top-10 finish in 2009.

“The Council’s work is critical given these economic times,” said Mr. Day, “Economic reasoning is important for understanding the macroeconomic forces that affect our lives as workers and as voters. But there is so much more than that. It also builds the critical thinking skills that people will need for navigating life in the constantly-changing 21st century. I’m happy to be a part of the Council’s efforts.”

Mr. Day earned his M.A. at the University of Delaware in Economics and Entrepreneurship Education, with a concentration in Personal Finance education. Mr. Day, the NCCEE and the NC Department of Public Instruction have partnered to create an online personal finance curriculum and conduct a series of teacher-training workshops, as well as instituting a one-day “Skills for Life” personal finance program for Raleigh Charter seniors. He was awarded for his efforts by winning the 2008 BB&T North Carolina Economic Educator of the Year Award, presented by the NCCEE. More recently, Mr. Day has worked with NC DPI on the state standards revision, co-writing a Geography and Globalization elective and editing the Civics and Economics Standard Course of Study.

Sandy Wheat, Executive Director of the NCCEE stated, “We are so pleased to have Stephen on board. His expertise in economic and financial education will go a long way in furthering our mission of enhancing and advancing economic and financial education for North Carolina’s teachers and students. We look forward to his contributing to the Council’s efforts for many years to come.”

About the 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 finance 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 is available at www.nccee.org.