**North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE) Invites All North Carolina Teachers and Parents to the REAL 2.0 Remote Learning Conference**

*Free Conference to Be Held on October 28, 2020*

**Raleigh, NC, October 14, 2020** – All North Carolina teachers and parents are invited to attend a free virtual remote learning conference later this month that will be hosted by the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE). The REAL 2.0 (Remote Education & Learning) Conference will be held on October 28, 2020. It will provide educators with remote learning professional development and help parents navigate technology and new ways of learning.

“This is an unprecedented time that we’re in right now for education,” said Caroline Sullivan, Executive Director, NCBCE. “We’re pleased to be able to support our teachers and parents by providing a resource that will assist both of these groups in their new roles.”

Similar to the first REAL Conference held in August, educators from across the state are serving as content advisers for REAL 2.0. Sessions for parents will be available in both English and Spanish, and all sessions will include closed captioning.

Some of the topics that will be covered for educators include navigating asynchronous learning; how to teach students effective study habits, time management and daily routines for virtual learning; tips and timesavers in Canvas; ideas for getting students motivated during virtual learning; Google Classroom and Google Meets tips and tricks; resources for struggling students; addressing the needs of exceptional learners in the regular classroom; video creating and editing tips and much more. Exceptional student needs will be addressed throughout.

The topics that will be covered in the parent sessions include digital literacy; understanding Canvas and Google Classroom; how to support children with autism during remote learning; the college application and FAFSA process; fostering good mental health for themselves and their children and much more.

Anyone wishing to attend REAL 2.0 can register at [ncstudentconnect.com](https://www.ncstudentconnect.com/) up until October 28. Educators can also view the recordings from the first conference at the same link.

Images, possible messaging and hashtags to use for promoting the conference can be found in the [social media kit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yapd74N6ojVb8m7Yw3gFsMJ1D76VmlF6wZ3v3I7RJek/edit?usp=sharing).

REAL 2.0 is the first in a series of three virtual remote learning conferences that will be held this fall through Governor Roy Cooper’s [NC Student Connect](https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-announces-nearly-40-million-connect-students-and-communities-high-speed) initiative. The STEM Connect Conference will be held on November 17, 2020 for STEM educators to learn best practices for incorporating STEM into the virtual classroom, and the Cultural Arts LIVE Conference will be held on December 15-16, 2020 for arts and humanities educators and their classes.

The North Carolina Business Committee for Education is a nonprofit that operates out of the Office of the Governor. Its Board of Directors and membership are business leaders from across North Carolina. NCBCE’s work, along with that of the Remote Learning Working Group and [Hometown Strong](https://hometownstrong.nc.gov/), informed the statewide [NC Student Connect](https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-announces-nearly-40-million-connect-students-and-communities-high-speed) program that Governor Cooper launched in September. NC Student Connect will invest $40 million to address internet connectivity gaps that are a barrier to remote learning for many North Carolina students and support professional development for educators and digital inclusion efforts for parents and caregivers.

For more information about NCBCE and its ongoing work to support education in North Carolina, visit [www.ncbce.org](http://www.ncbce.org).

**About the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE)**

The North Carolina Business Committee for Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates out of the Office of the Governor. Its Board of Directors and membership are business leaders from across North Carolina. NCBCE is the leadership organization that connects businesses, educators, students and policy makers to support workforce development ensuring NC has a vibrant economy.

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