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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Presidents

FROM: H. Martin Lancaster, President  
North Carolina Community Colleges

Larry B. Norris, Chair  
Distance Learning Consortium

SUBJECT: LEARN NC Update

The purpose of this memo is to update you on the LEARN NC teacher training that community colleges have agreed to do in exchange for technical assistance for the Virtual Learning Community.

LEARN NC has completed the five train-the-trainer sessions conducted exclusively for community college instructors. Seventy-eight college instructors representing forty-six community colleges completed the training. Generally, LEARN NC conducts the trainer program once each month at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). If you have additional faculty members that you would like to attend the trainer program, you may contact Nicolette Heise at LEARN NC to arrange for the instructor(s) to attend the eight-hour program (heise@email.unc.edu, voice mail 919/962-9212, fax 919/962-8940).

There are two attachments accompanying this memorandum. The first attachment is a list by public school system reflecting the number of teachers in each LEA in your service area, the number of teachers by LEA registered with LEARN NC, the number of teachers by LEA that need LEARN NC training, the number of local school system trainers in each LEA (community college trainers are not included in these numbers), and the percent of teachers by LEA that have/have not been trained for LEARN NC registration. This data should be helpful in your discussions with superintendents when arranging LEARN NC training for teachers.

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The second attachment provides an overview of the Community College System--LEARN NC partnership with an emphasis on teacher training and college benefits. One of these benefits is the opportunity for our Adult High School (AHS) instructors to become LEARN NC registered which is particularly relevant since the State Board of Education now requires end-of-course testing and competency testing for high school graduation. You may also find it beneficial for a number of other basic skills instructors to become LEARN NC registered.

If you have questions concerning the implementation of the teacher training component of the partnership, you may contact Chuck Barham in the System Office at 919/733-7051, Extension 408 or Duff Coburn of LEARN NC at 919/962-8888.

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Attachments

c: Chief Academic Officers  
Senior Continuing Education Administrators  
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Duff Coburn