



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

MEMORANDUM

TO: Basic Skills Directors
Directors of Community-Based Organizations

FROM: Bob Allen
Coordinator, NCCCS Literacy Resource Center

DATE: February 10, 2004

SUBJECT: “Basic Skills Creed” (Revised)

The attached “Basic Skills Creed” is the revised version of the “Literacy Covenant.” The Creed represents a statement of principles of our Basic Skills/literacy program’s mission and purpose. The Basic Skills State Leadership Advisory Board has edited and approved this version. We want to thank Cheryl Marsh at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and Debbie Woodard at Wilkes Community College for serving on the sub-committee for this project. The “Literacy Covenant” was sent to all colleges and community-based organizations for their review in April 2003.

The “Basic Skills Creed” is to be given to special individuals at appreciation and recognition events. The Creed may also be displayed as an office wall-hanging or signage in office areas. You may change the signature names to reflect the appropriate names for your organization or college. You may enlarge the copy and add color to create a more prominent copy for a frame.

We want to thank the many individuals who provided feedback to this project. If you need more information or have comments to share, please contact me at (919) 807-7144 or e-mail allenb@ncccs.cc.nc.us.

Attachment

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BASIC SKILLS CREED

WE BELIEVE that individuals are capable of achieving their full potential.

WE BELIEVE that the seeds of this potential exist in the core of every individual's being and can be nurtured through guidance and learning.

WE BELIEVE that through teaching and mentoring others, individuals may realize the value of life long learning.

WE BELIEVE in the power of learning to open minds to valuable experiences and opportunities for growth.

WE BELIEVE that acquiring basic skills and literacy enhances an individual's sense of self-worth and quality of life.

WE BELIEVE that it is our responsibility to provide the skills to achieve learning and growth.

WE BELIEVE that helping others cultivate the seeds of possibility will contribute to productive, fulfilling lives.

THIS WE BELIEVE.

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