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Call for Proposals - 62nd Conference on Exceptional Children

The Exceptional Children Division is pleased to announce its Call for Proposals for the 62nd Conference on Exceptional Children, scheduled for November 14-16, 2012, at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel/Koury Convention Center. The Conference on Exceptional Children regularly attracts more than three thousand teachers, administrators, parents, related service personnel, college/university faculty and more from throughout North Carolina and the country to focus on the education of children with disabilities. This year’s conference theme, Building Bridges for Success, illustrates the commitment not just to the idea of student achievement, but to the building of structures and programs that help ensure that achievement and growth both now and in the future.

The Call for Proposals is a unique opportunity for sharing promising practices and innovative programs during the Conference’s nearly 100 instructional sessions. These sessions are 60 or 90 minutes in length and are well attended, giving presenters eager audiences for sharing and raising awareness. Participants are treated to sessions that reflect a wide variety of perspectives, many of which are from colleagues in local school systems. In return, selected presenters receive prepaid conference registration and reimbursement of travel expenses.

Please consider submitting a proposal for the 62nd Conference on Exceptional Children. The Proposal Form is attached to this memo and is also available for download at www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/. Submission and presentation details are listed on the Proposal Form. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 16, 2012. All who submit proposals will be notified of their selection/non-selection by June 1, 2012. If you have questions, please contact Tom Winton, Conference Program Chair, at tom.winton@dpi.nc.gov or 919/807-3982.

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