So, This Is Your First EC Conference?

Tom Winton, Section Chief
Exceptional Children Division
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Thursday, November 21, 2013
What this conference is/has been/could be for you

- 63 years of service
- NOT professional development in and of itself/more about awareness
- What a deal!
Your Bag

- Program Booklet
- Grid
- Other Items
- Mark It As Your Own!
Handouts ‘Going Green’

- Materials for instructional sessions on the conference website; not hard copy
- Internet Issues
- Great to use for notes
- Will be available throughout much of December
- Access handouts from other sessions
Schedule (use Program Booklet)

- Institutes
- Plenary Session
- Instructional Sessions
- Teachers of Excellence
- Vendors/Exhibitors
Institutes

- Autism
- Behavior
- CECAS
- Deaf-Blind
- EC Preschool
- Occupational Therapy

- Physical Therapy
- School Psychology
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Visual Impairment
Knowing This Place!

- 1st Floor, 3rd Floor and the Mysterious 2nd Floor!
- Conference Registration vs. Hotel Registration
- Room Name Themes
- Easiest Routes
- Elevators/Escalators
- Finding Food
- Finding Help
Plenary Session (use Program Booklet)

- Where to sit/not to sit
- Highlights
- Box lunches
Instructional Sessions (Grid)

- Planning
- Overview/highlights
- Saving seats?
- Handouts
- Evaluations
Teachers of Excellence

• Should I Attend?
• What to Wear/What Not to Wear
• Dinner
Other Important Components

• Poster Sessions
• School-Based Enterprises
• Vendors/Exhibitors
Other Tips

• PACE YOURSELF!!
• Shoes
• Helping Others
• HAVE A GOOD TIME!!
Questions?

• Visit the Conference Registration area (1st floor, where you picked up your conference materials)

• Look for someone with a badge saying ‘Staff’ or ‘Conference Host’