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Dear Colleagues:

I'm writing today to formally introduce you to Dr. Stephen Pruitt, the new President of SREB as well as to help launch the beginning outreach of SREB's project called the NC Human Capital Roundtable.

Stephen comes to the Presidency of SREB after most recently serving as the State Chief in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He and his colleagues at SREB are excited about this opportunity to leverage your work, interest and passion for educator preparation.

The vision for the NC Human Capital Roundtable is to create an opportunity for more cross-sector conversation and dialogue on the issues of educator prep.

#### **What is the NC Human Capital Roundtable?**

This idea of this roundtable project is that with SREB's help as an intermediary who can conduct research and provide back-end organizational support, the work of bringing together a small group of the key stakeholder leaders can help connect the dots between all of the work that is happening in and across each of your respective sectors. Utilizing a set of shared principles about student learning, quality characteristics of preparation and with an openness for innovation and an eye to reduce implementation barriers, SREB's development of a Human Capital Roundtable intends to:

- Cultivate a basic landscape analysis of current work and assets regarding teacher preparation in North Carolina (including insights from other commissions, organizations or stakeholder groups)
- Encourage research and knowledge gathering on teacher preparation best practices to inform policy priorities and focused initiatives
- Work with you as members of the Roundtable to then develop shared insights and information about opportunities to identify and align priorities, recommendations and implementation supports.

The hope is that this convening of the designated leads for key aspects of work in the NC educator pipeline will help you to both share information and research back to your respective colleagues for insights, feedback and further dissemination – and ultimately, support your work as something akin to a “kitchen cabinet” on these issues.

#### **What the Roundtable is not.**

The NC Human Capital Roundtable is not meant to be an additional burden or another large meeting without any intentionality. This opportunity is not meant to get in the way of your day jobs. It is not “another commission” - but rather an opportunity for information sharing, learning and deepening NC's capacity.

Members of the NC Human Capital Roundtable will include the following stakeholders:

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	SELECTION	NAME
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NC State Board of Education (SBE)	Designee of Chairman Eric Davis	<i>TBD</i>
Professional Educator Preparation Standards Commission (PEPSC)	Designee of Chairman Patrick Miller	<i>Andrew Lakis</i>
NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI)	Designee of State Superintendent Mark Johnson	<i>Tom Tomberlin and Andrew Sioberg</i>
University of North Carolina	Designee of UNC President Margaret Spellings	<i>Julie Kowal</i>
NC Community College System	Designee of NCCCS President Peter Hans	<i>Lisa Chapman</i>
NC Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU)	Designee of NCICU President Hope Williams	<i>Tom West</i>
Education Cabinet/Governor's Office	Designee of Governor Roy Cooper	<i>Geoff Coltrane</i>

In the very near future, you should be hearing more details about next steps on this work from Stephen and his team at SREB. I know that you or your networks may still be confronting the calamity of Hurricane Flo and her aftermath and that many of our friends in the Southeast of the state will undoubtedly be dealing with the impact of this even for weeks, if not months to come. So, I offer a special thanks for your time and attention to this work when I know so many other stressors may be at play.

As always, if you have questions or concerns – don't hesitate to reach out and let me know.

Again, thanks for your time, talents and energy to support good outcomes for students in North Carolina!

Best regards,

John

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