



Dear Colleague,

On Monday, July 18, SCORE will host a SCORE Institute on educator preparation in Tennessee. During this event, experts from across the state and country will come together to explore levers to advance effective teaching during an educator's first years in the classroom.

Research indicates that teachers have a larger impact on student learning than any other in-school factor. Throughout the last five years, Tennessee has made significant progress in expanding access to highly effective teaching across the state. Tennessee adopted a new multi-measure educator evaluation system that is focused on student outcomes; better connected professional learning opportunities, compensation, and tenure to the teacher evaluation system; offered professional learning opportunities on Tennessee's State Standards; and developed innovative teacher leadership models in and outside of districts. Improving educator preparation in order to advance effective teaching during an educator's first years in the classroom is one area where Tennessee has an opportunity for focused improvement.

As a leader in this work, we would be honored to have you join us on Monday, July 18, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CT, at the John Seigenthaler Center (1207 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212). Attendees will include members of SCORE's steering committee, deans of Tennessee educator preparation programs, as well as a range of other partners in higher education, state government, school districts, advocacy and community organizations, and the philanthropic and business communities. We believe this is an important conversation for education partners to explore how we can make meaningful progress in advancing effective teaching during an educator's first years in the classroom.

Due to limited seating, this is an invitation-only event. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Sarah Brown at institute@tnscore.org or 615-727-1545 by **Wednesday, July 6**. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you next month.

Best,
Jamie

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Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer