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State Collaborative on Reforming Education

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Tennessee Ethics Commission
Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance
404 James Robertson Parkway, Ste. 104
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear General Assembly Member:

You are cordially invited to attend a Standards Summit organized by the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) in cooperation with the Tennessee Business Roundtable and the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry. This event — designed to underscore the importance of standards to job creation and workforce development — will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CDT, in Nashville.

As you know, Tennessee is at a critical phase in implementing new and higher academic standards in our schools. This year's TCAP scores — set to be released to parents and students beginning in late September — are expected to show a sharp dip in student proficiency relative to previous years. Good communication between the public and private sectors is more critical than ever. Together, we can meet the challenges ahead in order to develop a more skilled workforce and strengthen Tennessee's economy.

Representatives from the Tennessee Department of Education, Achieve, SCORE, and other public and private partners will be on hand to provide the most up-to-date information on the role of standards in Race to the Top, the timeline for release of this year's TCAP scores, shifts in student proficiency, and public campaign efforts designed to raise parent awareness of Tennessee's new and higher standards.

The Standards Summit will be held in the auditorium of the AT&T building in downtown Nashville, 333 Commerce Street. A working lunch will kick off the day's briefings. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible by calling Courtney Collins at 615-727-1545 or emailing courtney@tennesseescore.org.

Thank you for your consideration and your support of higher standards and a strong economy in Tennessee.
Sincerely,



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