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Invitation to: Citizens and Community Leaders of the Northeast

From: Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton and the JOBS Commission

We're excited to tell you that the Joining Our Businesses and Schools Commission — created by the General Assembly with the intent of strengthening the ties between public education and local economic needs — has chosen Northeastern North Carolina for the first of regional meetings to be held across North Carolina. The meeting is scheduled **November 18, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at the **Bob Martin Agricultural Center in Williamston**. You are cordially invited to attend, learn about the JOBS Commission and its mission of creating a brighter future for North Carolina's children, and share your ideas for joining businesses and schools in your region. There will be an opportunity for public discussion. Since time may be limited, you may want to have your comments in writing.

The JOBS Commission will study the establishment of early college high schools in the state's economic development regions that are integrated to the needs of the local economy. The intent is to create educational programs that give students real world experiences and link them to future opportunities to join the local workforce or pursue an advanced degree. Business and industry also gain a better-educated workforce.

The Commission will seek to match the educational program with the predominant economic development clusters of the region and develop pilot education programs to meet the needs of both students and the local economy. To do that, we need your help. In your regional meeting, we hope to gain insight into the vision and needs of the region in order to create the best "fit" for the Northeast. **We would also appreciate your taking time to complete a survey on my webpage at www.ltgov.state.nc.us that will help to better inform the commission about your region's needs.**

We hope to see you on November 18 for this exciting event that I and members of the JOBS Commission believe will launch a stronger relationship between our businesses and schools and mark the beginning of a journey toward a brighter, more prosperous future for our young people and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walter Dalton".

Walter Dalton
Chairman, Joining Our Businesses and Schools Commission

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