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PCLT selected to present at the North Carolina Education Summit on School and Community Engagement

We are pleased to announce that PCLT has been selected to present a workshop at the North Carolina Education Summit on School and Community Engagement, *Raising Expectations and Closing Gaps for All Students*, to be held September 24-26, 2012, in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Howard N. Lee Institute for Equity and Opportunity in Education is hosting the summit.

Dr. Sherry Barr, Vice President, and Melissa Murchison-Blake, Project Manager, will present *Peer Group Connection: Strategies of an Evidence-Based Group Mentoring Model that Builds Cultures of Achievement, Fosters Youth Leadership, and Improves Graduation Rates*. This workshop will result in participants who are able to articulate why feeling connected to school leads to fewer dropouts, higher grades, and reduced bullying; appreciate the significant need to focus on the middle school to high school transition in efforts to improve students' sense of school connectedness; and understand the strategies and actions of an evidence-based peer group mentoring model that enhances school connectedness for students and eases the transition into high school for 9th graders.

The Howard N. Lee Institute for Equity and Opportunity in Education is committed to providing the tools and resources for our children, communities and educators to succeed. We partner with parents, schools and communities to ensure all students have equitable access to high quality educational experiences and graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college, career, and life.

Please see www.howardleeinstitute.org for more information or to register for the summit.