

December XX, 2010

Dear MEMBER NAME:

You are cordially invited to attend "Education Reform Boot Camp" for new legislators, organized by the Tennessee Business Education Coalition (TBEC) in partnership with the Tennessee Business Roundtable, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE). This event will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST, in Nashville.

As you know, Tennessee is at a critical phase in implementing ambitious new K-12 and postsecondary education reforms. Good communication between the public and private sectors is more important than ever as we work together to develop a more skilled workforce and create jobs. The Tennessee Business Education Coalition is committed to participating in a productive dialogue on the role that public education plays in strengthening our economy.

While Education Reform Boot Camp is designed to educate freshman lawmakers on the recent history of Tennessee's reform efforts, all members of the Tennessee General Assembly are invited to attend. Representatives from the Tennessee Department of Education will be on hand, along with U.S. education-reform experts and other public and private partners, to provide the most up-to-date information on Tennessee's reform efforts and how they fit into the national picture.

Education Reform Boot Camp will be held at the Hermitage Hotel, which is located at 231 Sixth Avenue North in downtown Nashville, adjacent to Legislative Plaza. Morning briefings and discussions will conclude with a working lunch. Please confirm your attendance, or regrets, as soon as possible by calling Kendra Beckley at 615-255-5877 or emailing kbeckley@tbroundtable.org.

Thank you for your consideration as well as your support of education reform and a more skilled workforce in the Volunteer State.

Sincerely,

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