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Dear JRF Team,

I'm not sure if you received this message, but I found this webinar topic interesting.

Have a great afternoon and thanks again for all you do!

Sincerely,

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The Alliance for Excellent Education
Invites You to Attend a Webinar on

Going to Scale: Comprehensive Birth-Through-Grade-Twelve State Literacy Plans

Thursday, January 5, 2012
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., ET

Panelists

Sara Bolton, Legislative Assistant, *Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray*
Melissa Colman, Executive Director, Teaching and Learning Unit, *Colorado Department of Education*
Mariana Haynes, PhD, Senior Fellow, *Alliance for Excellent Education*
Jill Slack, PhD, Director, Literacy Office, *Louisiana Department of Education*

More than ever, students need advanced literacy skills to succeed in a knowledge-based global economy. Unfortunately, the majority of students leave high school without the necessary reading and writing skills needed to succeed in college and a career. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), more than 60 percent of middle and high school students scored below the proficient level in reading achievement. In fact, the literacy performance of seventeen-year-olds on NAEP has remained flat for four decades.

In the face of this literacy crisis, the majority of states have taken important steps to dramatically improve the reading and writing skills of students in the United States. With federal support through the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy program, states have put into place literacy teams to develop comprehensive birth-through-grade-twelve systems for literacy development and education. It is critical that states receive continued federal support that will enable full implementation of high-quality initiatives that can advance the literacy skills of all students across the grade spans.

On **Thursday, January 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., ET**, the Alliance for Excellent Education will host a webinar featuring state directors of comprehensive systems for birth-through-grade-twelve literacy development and education—Melissa Colman from the *Colorado Department of Education* and Jill Slack from the *Louisiana Department of Education*—along with Sara Bolton, legislative assistant in the office of U.S. Senator *Patty Murray*.

These experts will provide an overview of the key elements of the state literacy plans and discuss how states are positioning literacy as the linchpin of secondary reforms to prepare all students for college and a career. Alliance for Excellent Education Senior Fellow Mariana Haynes will moderate the discussion and field questions from webinar viewers across the country.

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Register and submit questions for the webinar online at <http://media.all4ed.org/registration-jan-5-2012>.

Please direct questions concerning the webinar to alliance@all4ed.org.

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