



# North Carolina Professional Development **TAKING THE LEAD ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS**

AN UPDATE ON THE EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

## **The Issue**

Educators must continually improve their ability to retool teaching, update curricula integrate new research methodologies into instruction, meet the growing list of the sociopolitical needs of students, and improve student outcomes. This can only happen through ongoing, high-quality professional learning that provides the knowledge and skills to meet the needs of all students.

## **The Response**

- **Identification of professional development “contacts” (coordinators, directors) in every LEA and in approximately one-third of all charter schools**
- **Collaboration with the NC Staff Development Council (NCSDC)**
- **Exploration of most effective and efficient ways to respond to needs of educators**
- **Professional Development website**
  - [www.ncpublicschools.org/profdev/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/profdev/)
- **Professional Development Tool Kit**
  - NC Professional Development Standards At-A-Glance
  - Planning for Your Professional Growth
  - Assessing Your Professional Development Needs & Experiences
  - Making Your Case for Professional Development
  - Professional Development: Three Phase Follow-Up (NEW)
- **Professional Development Newsletter**
  - What is Professional Development? (Volume 1, No 1; Sept 2004)
  - High Quality Professional Development (Volume 1, No 2; Dec 2004)
  - Creating Context (Volume 2, No 1, February 2005)
  - It's All About the Process (Volume 2, No 2; April 2005)
  - Being Content With Content Decisions (Volume 2, No 3; June 2005)
- **Alignment of Internal Agency Efforts and Philosophies**
  - In Search of High Quality Professional Development: *Defining & Documenting High-Quality Professional Learning*
- **Guidance Documents**
  - Professional Development Protocol for Agency Staff
  - Professional Development Planning Checklist
  - Professional Development: Three Phase Follow-Up
  - Designing Powerful Professional Development
  - Frequently Asked Questions
- **Training Documents**
  - Professional Development Facilitators' Guide

