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To: LEA Superintendents, Central Office Staff
School Administrators, Social Workers, School Counselors, School Psychologists
School Parent Involvement Coordinators, Teachers
Representatives of Child/Parent/Family Advocacy Organizations and Agencies
Representatives of 21st Century Community Learning Centers

From: Rebecca Garland, Associate Superintendent
Pat Ashley, Director, District and School Transformation
Debora C. Williams, Chief, Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps Section

Subject: **Invitation to A Framework for Understanding Poverty ©**

You are invited to participate in *A Framework for Understanding Poverty©,* a two-day professional development activity. Participants will engage in discussion and interactive activities centered on the topic of poverty and its impact on student performance.

Dates
December 3, 2009
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

December 4, 2009
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
301 N Wilmington Street
Room 150
Raleigh, NC 27601

Registration
Registration is $100.00 per person. The registration fee includes lunch for both days and training materials**,** including Ruby Payne's **A Framework for Understanding Poverty** (book and workbook), **Understanding Learning,** and **Learning Structures Workbook.**

Online pre-registration will be available at www.ncpublicschools.org/racg beginning**, October 1, 2009.** Payment must be received by **November 30, 2009**. Registration fees are non-refundable. However, substitutions will be allowed. This session is limited to 50 participants. Please complete your registration as soon as possible!

For questions regarding the details of this event, contact Kenneth Babineaux at (919) 807-3657 or kbabineaux@dpi.state.nc.us.

Enclosures—Tentative Agenda
Registration Form