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TREASURER MOORE LEADS STUDY OF STUDENTS' FINANCIAL LITERACY

Statewide Survey to Measure N.C. Students' Knowledge of Money Matters

RALEIGH – State Treasurer Richard Moore today announced the start of a statewide financial literacy survey to measure North Carolina students' knowledge of saving, credit, debt and other financial issues. Skill \$et, a random stratified survey developed in partnership with the Department of Public Instruction, will be administered over the next week to seventh graders at 21 schools across the state. The results of the online survey, which will be available in April, will provide the most in-depth analysis ever of North Carolina students' financial literacy.

“We spend so much time preparing our students for the workforce, but we don’t spend nearly enough time preparing them for that first paycheck,” Moore said. “Teaching today’s students about basic financial issues is important for their future – and our state’s. This survey is the first step in understanding our students’ knowledge and giving them the tools to succeed.”

In 2005, the General Assembly, under the leadership of Senator Kay Hagan, passed SB 622 calling for a financial literacy curriculum to be implemented in high schools by Fall 2007. In October 2006, the State Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution presented by Moore to conduct a Random Stratified Survey with seventh graders on financial literacy. The Department of the State Treasurer and the Department of Public Instruction identified 21 schools across North Carolina to participate in the survey.

Other partners in the financial literacy survey include the State Board of Education, Topics Education, CitiStreet and CitiFinancial.

Participating schools:

<u>School System</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>School System</u>	<u>School</u>
Asheville	Randolph Learning Center	Lee	West Lee Middle
Burke	Table Rock Middle	Charlotte/Mecklenburg	Carmel Middle
Cleveland	Kings Mountain Middle	Charlotte/Mecklenburg	James Martin Middle
Dare	Manteo Middle	Hillsborough	Orange Charter
Duplin	Chinquapin Elementary	Elizabeth City/Pasquotank	H L Trigg Community
Winston-Salem/Forsyth	Forsyth Academies	Robeson	Saint Pauls Middle
Harnett	Coats-Erwin Middle	Stokes	Meadowbrook School
Hyde	Matamuskeet Middle	Watauga	Green Valley Elementary
Iredell-Statesville	Statesville Middle	Wayne	Brogden Middle
Cashiers	Summit Charter	Yancey	Cane River Middle
Johnston	McGee's Crossroads Middle		

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