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Dear NCCA and NCSCA members,

As some are aware, the North Carolina School Counselor Association (NCSCA) formed its own association apart from the North Carolina Counseling Association (NCCA) in 2007. To put this in perspective, across the nation, many state branches of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) are operating separately from their respective state branch of the American Counseling Association (ACA). Interestingly, ASCA is still an active division within ACA (Canfield, 2008).

The North Carolina School Counselor Association is a division of the American School Counselor Association and is organized in accordance with the North Carolina Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the American School Counselor Association.

NCSCA promotes professionalism and ethical practices in school counseling while providing resources, knowledge and linkages to promote student success in the school, the home, and the community. NCSCA's mission is to promote excellence in the profession of school counseling and the development of all students.

The North Carolina Counseling Association is the state's branch of the American Counseling Association. It is governed in accordance with its Bylaws, its Articles of Incorporation, North Carolina law, and the Bylaws of the American Counseling Association.

NCCA represents diverse interests of its professional membership through an Executive Council, committees, and geographically located members. The NCCA is committed to the enhancement of human development throughout life span, the development and education of professional counselors, and the promotion and advocacy of counseling and counselors in North Carolina.

During the 2013 annual NCCA conference, leadership from both associations met to discuss the associations' history and more importantly focus on the future; one in which our associations can support each other in achieving common goals. It was decided at that meeting our associations would continue to explore ways we can work together. Since then, our associations have been diligent in the posting and sharing of counseling related information across memberships. We plan to be present at each other's annual conferences. You may also see our associations sponsoring educational sessions at the other's conference. We are comfortable with where we are now and plan to move forward by exploring opportunities that's in the best interest of both associations.

Please visit both associations at: NCSCA / www.ncschoolcounselor.org
NCCA / <http://nccounselingassociation.org/>

Sincerely,

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