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CALL FOR STATE AND DISTRICT-LEVEL PROGRAMS FOR TEACHER IMPROVEMENT

Have you developed at the district or state level any programs in the areas described below? The National Council of Teachers of English is seeking to identify and publicize state and district-based programs that are meeting inservice and career development needs of K-12 teachers of all subjects. The areas of concern are as follows:

1. Do you have a program of **help for beginning teachers** in which experienced classroom teachers (that is, teachers currently in the classroom at least part-time) are used as consultants?
2. Do you have a program which provides **inservice or other staff support specifically for minority teachers**?
3. Do you have a **career development program for teachers** in which advancement includes continued classroom teaching?
4. Do you have a **teacher evaluation program** in which teacher competency is determined to some extent through direct participation of other classroom teachers?

If such programs exist in your district or state, please write a brief description (maximum three double-spaced pages) of the main features of the program, attaching such supplementary documents as are on hand. Send the materials not later than December 15 to Lori Alfe, NCTE, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801.

TEACHER-RESEARCHER GRANTS PROGRAM

The Research Foundation of the National Council of Teachers of English invites K-12 classroom teachers to submit proposals for small grants (up to \$1,500) for classroom-based research on the teaching of English and language arts. These grants are intended to support research questions teachers raise about classroom issues. They do not normally cover travel, purchase of permanent equipment or commercial teaching materials, released time, or research done as part of a graduate program. Address requests for information and for application guidelines to: Project Coordinator, Teacher-Researcher Grants, NCTE, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801.

LITERACY CONFERENCE — SEPTEMBER 1988

The Right to Literacy, a conference sponsored by the MLA, Ohio State University, and the Federation of State Humanities Councils, will take place in Columbus, Ohio on 16-18 September 1988. Members of the teaching profession at all levels, as well as others interested in the literacy movement, are encouraged to attend or propose individual papers. There will be as many as one hundred concurrent sessions devoted to the following areas of concern: The Uses of Literacy; Literacy and Its Enemies, Illiteracy and Its Friends; Becoming Literate Today; and Struggles for Literacy Today. The deadline for submitting proposals is 15 January 1988. Anyone interested should request a proposal form from Robert D. Denham, MLA, 10 Astor Place, New York, NY 10003.