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To All Regional Directors:

"At this festive season of the year, Mr. Scrooge," said the gentleman, taking up a pen, "it is more than usually desirable that we should make some slight provision for the poor and destitute, who suffer greatly at the present time."

-- FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL BY CHARLES DICKENS

I happen to know that educators are NEVER liked Scrooge. They never stop **CARING**.

The community service event for this year's 2018 NCRSP State Convention is a friendly competition between the ten regions to see which region can present the biggest check payable to the [North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children \(NCFPSC\)](#). Checks will be received on March 14, 2018 at the Convention (Marriott Hotel, Winston-Salem) and the winning region will be announced at the Representative Assembly on Thursday, March 15, 2018. One director from each region is asked to bring his or her region's check to Winston-Salem and present it—in an unopened envelope—to a member of the NCRSP staff or to President Joan Bass. As mentioned above, the winning region will be announced at the RA—along with the total sum received from all regions.

SPECIAL NOTE: Do the smaller, less populous regions have a fair chance to win?

- ▶ First, this is supposed to be a friendly competition to support a good cause. Every dollar will go to help needy students in the public schools. There are no losers in such a competition.
- ▶ Second, a smaller region that bestirs its members to dig deep and contribute can outdo a larger region that just blithers along assuming that it will triumph. The bragging rights will go to the region that works the hardest to amass a substantial contribution.
- ▶ Third, this service project is not tied together with one locality. The benefits of your effort and generosity will help needy students all across the state.

Please announce this competition in your region, form a work team and get going! You have until March 14th to amass your donation and cut a check!

Thanks for all you do!

Executive Director, Tom Bennett