

THE CALL FOR CHANGE

Purpose: This section introduces participants to the *Call for Change* and explains how NCDPI answered the call. Background information on the Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort (ACRE), Race to the Top (RttT), and *Career & College: Ready, Set, Go!* is included. The common goal of these initiatives is to prepare all students to be career and college ready graduates.

Use: This section of the Facilitator's Guide aligns with the corresponding online learning module: *The Call for Change*. Participants complete the module as determined by the local professional development plan.

Available Resources:

- Module: *The Call for Change*
- Sample agenda for blended professional development, available online at: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/>

OVERVIEW: The Call for Change

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In September 2006, the State Board of Education adopted a new guiding mission: **“Every student will graduate from high school globally competitive for work and postsecondary education and prepared for life in the 21st Century.”** In support of this guiding mission, the Board adopted five goals:

- NC public schools will produce globally competitive students.
- NC public schools will be led by 21st Century professionals.
- NC public school students will be healthy and responsible.
- Leadership will guide innovation in NC public schools.
- NC public schools will be governed and supported by 21st Century systems.

In May 2007, the State Board of Education convened a Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability charged with comprehensively reviewing and offering recommendations for revisioning the State's testing program and accountability system. The Commission stated in its 2008 report that a 21st Century curriculum is the foundation of a 21st Century testing program and accountability system.
