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FCEF OFFERS FREE HOME SCHOOL AND EDUCATOR WORKSHOP ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

Fort Worth -- First Command Educational Foundation (FCEF) will offer a three-day workshop on high school financial literacy for teachers and home schooling parents and students May 28-30 at 1 FirstComm Plaza, Building III Auditorium. Free to home school educators and parents, the workshop will cover materials mandated by Texas law for high school juniors and seniors prior to graduation. It also will offer Continuing Education Units (CEU) for educators.

FCEF was among the first organizations in the state of Texas to respond with a curriculum to House Bill 492 mandating money management education for all public schools and open enrollment charter schools. It is entitled *Personal Financial Literacy for Texas High Schools*. It was approved by the Texas State Board of Education and published in 2006. FCEF recently has released its second edition with additional study guides.

FCEF was among only a small number of organizations issuing curriculum utilizing all 12 guideline topics suggested by the state. The workshop will provide instruction on the presentation of these 12 topics:

The Accounts Issue, The Checkbook Issue, The Credit Issue, The Loans Issue, The Rights and Responsibilities Issue, The Buying Issue, The Stocks & Investment Issue, The Retirement Issue, The Insurance Issue, The Entrepreneur Issue, The Bankruptcy Issue, and The Giving Issue. For more information on the high school curriculum, go to www.FirstCommand.org.

There currently are 17 states which mandate financial literacy prior to graduation. Several more have programs under advisement. "With the current economic concerns, we feel that this is vital program for the leaders of tomorrow. Students cannot properly manage the cost of college, nor living on their own, or managing bank accounts and credit without proper training," stated Education Director k. osiris wade.

"The college drop out rate due to credit debt and student debt is more than 50%, and bankruptcy is escalating, especially among young adults. Obviously, there is a pressing need for education on this topic."

FCEF also is approved by the Texas Education Agency to provide CEU's for teacher training on financial literacy.

While the event is free, reservations are required. Only the first 80 reservations can be honored due to seating limitations. For your reservation, call 817-569.2758 or contact okwade@FirstCommand.org. FirstCommand's Building III is a secured building and no one will be admitted without proper credentials.

Food will be provided by Perrotti's Pizza, Julie's Fresh Kitchen, and Jamba Juice.

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