

September 27, 2011

Dear Administrator/Teacher:

The North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders will celebrate North Dakota Close Up's 27<sup>th</sup> year of programming on February 12, 13, 14, 2012. Designed to enhance young people's understanding of North Dakota government, Close Up goes beyond the textbook and creates a participatory environment for the learning process. The Executive Branch of North Dakota government is the focus of study for 2012 and we anticipate our enrollment to exceed last year's.

The basic mix of activities – small group workshops for students, discussion and debate sessions with experts, simulations, teacher in-service, and social mixers – should remain the same. The program will be held at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck.

Students, grades 9 through 12, are eligible to participate. There is NO limit to how many students you may bring to Close Up. Schools may combine student participants with one teacher as long as the teacher and school agree beforehand. We will again be using ON-LINE REGISTRATION and will keep you informed about that progress!

**There is a membership fee of (\$110) for each participating middle/high school**, which is non-refundable. Please return the enclosed form on or **before October 28, 2011** with a check payable to NDCEL. The cost per student for the two-day event is \$135.00. The cost per teacher is \$135.00, based on double-occupancy. The cost covers all expenses for meals, lodging, and materials, except meals and travel to and from the program.

To ensure your school's acceptance, assign your teachers early. Enrollment forms, instructions, and program information will be mailed and posted on our website ([www.ndcel.org](http://www.ndcel.org)) within the next few weeks. **November 4, 2011** is the final enrollment date.

Sincerely,



North Dakota Close Up

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN FORM BY OCTOBER 28, 2011**(Please print clearly)

**ND Council of Educational Leaders  
121 East Rosser Avenue  
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**(INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$110)**