

October 2, 2009

Dear Administrator/Teacher:

The North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders will celebrate North Dakota Close Up's 25th year of programming on January 31, to February 1, 2, 2010 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 Judicial Branch of North Dakota government is the focus of study for 2010 and we anticipate our enrollment to exceed last year's enrollment.

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.

Some changes that will affect and improve the entire program follow. Students, grades 9 through 12, are eligible to participate. There will be 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 be using on line registration this year and will keep you informed when the forms are available.

There will be a membership fee of \$110 for each high school, which is non-refundable. Please return the enclosed form on or before October 15, with a check payable to NDCEL. The cost per student for the two-day event will be \$135.00. The cost per teacher will be \$135.00 and is based on double-occupancy. The cost covers all expenses for meals, lodging, and materials, except meals and travel to and from the program.

To insure your school's acceptance, assign your teachers early. November 6, 2009, will be the final enrollment date for students and teachers. Additional program information will be mailed, along with the enrollment forms and instructions within the next few weeks (these will be available on our website: www.ndcel.org soon!!). For more information, please call Rick Heidt, North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders, and 258-3022.

Sincerely,



North Dakota Close Up

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Position: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

RETURN FORM BY OCTOBER 15, 2009

(Please print clearly)

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Bismarck, ND 58501**

(INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$110)