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**NACOL Announces Next Webinar: "Learning in the 21st Century"**

WASHINGTON, DC, December 6, 2007 – The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL) is pleased to announce the next webinar in the monthly series:

“Learning in the 21st Century: A National Report of Online Learning”

Julie Evans, CEO, Project Tomorrow

Wednesday, December 12, 2007; 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Register: [www.nacol.org](http://www.nacol.org)

This new report highlights trends in online learning and responses provided by more than 250,000 students, teachers and parents (across more than 3,000 schools nationwide) from Project Tomorrow’s annual Speak Up online surveys.

This report reveals 47% of students in grades 9–12 would like to pursue online learning to take courses not offered at school, 42% of parents believe online classes are a good investment to improve student achievement, and 28% of teachers want online courses to be offered as an alternative in their district.

Susan Patrick, President and CEO of NACOL says, “Student responses highlight the demand and need for more online courses in our nation’s schools. As schools continue to struggle with finding enough qualified teachers and teaching 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, online education is expanding access and leveling the playing field for students across the country.”

“Through the Speak Up process, education leaders are learning about the motivations and interests of their own students, teachers and parents, and are crafting innovative online learning solutions to directly address those needs,” said Julie Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Project Tomorrow.

Registration is open until 2 PM (ET) Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

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**About NACOL**

The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL), founded in September 2003, is *the* international K-12 non-profit organization representing the interests of administrators, practitioners and students involved in online learning in the United States, Canada, Mexico,

and abroad. NACOL's mission is to increase educational opportunities and to enhance learning by providing collegial expertise and leadership in the K-12 online teaching and learning marketplace. The association strives to achieve this mission by leading initiatives to conduct research to enhance quality K-12 online learning; encourage collaboration among practitioners in the online learning marketplace; and promote the success and effectiveness of online learning. NACOL offers monthly webinars on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern). Registration is offered with member and non-member pricing to individuals and institutions. [www.nacol.org](http://www.nacol.org)