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iNACOL to Host Teacher Talk Webinar:

“Serving Children with Disabilities in Virtual Schools: Examining Policies and Best Practices”

VIENNA, VA, March 15, 2010 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) is hosting a Teacher Talk webinar on “Serving Children with Disabilities in Virtual Schools” to examine policies and best practices.

According to Susan Patrick, President and CEO of iNACOL, “Students with disabilities often require individualized instructional approaches, customization and accommodations in order to effectively meet their educational needs. Online learning is revolutionizing the field of education, including providing new opportunities to serve students with special needs.”

This webinar will be held Thursday, March 18th, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM (Eastern) via Elluminate.

In this webinar, participants will hear from three experienced educators. Donna Baker, an educator at the Virtual Community School of Ohio, will be discussing how their teachers are using web cams and Google for Special Education, conducting virtual IEP meetings, and how they are working with one of their related service providers to setup online services for their students.

Paula Burdette, from the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, recently held a policy forum on how to address the policy and practice challenges of serving students with disabilities in virtual settings. She will share some of the recommendations that emerged at that forum.

Finally, Jamie Pagliaro from rethink autism will discuss how a school district can leverage technology to deliver scalable and cost-effective solutions in serving students with autism. Such solutions can help districts close the gap between the number of children who need evidence-based autism interventions and the availability of such services.

Please register online: http://www.inacol.org/events/webinar/teacher_talk.php. Pricing is available for iNACOL members & non-members.

Press may attend free of charge by contacting iNACOL’s Associate Director of Communications Wendy Fleming (w Fleming@inacol.org).

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About iNACOL

iNACOL is the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, a non-profit 501(c)(3) membership association based in the Washington, DC area with more than 3,400 members. iNACOL is unique in that its members represent a diverse cross-section of K-12 education from school districts, charter schools, state education agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities and research institutions, corporate entities and other content and technology providers (www.inacol.org). iNACOL

hosts the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS). VSS 2010 is being held Nov. 14 – 16, 2010 in Glendale, AZ (www.virtualschoolsymposium.org).