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Online Learning in iNACOL to Host Webinar on K-12 Canada

VIENNA, VA, February 22, 2011 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) is hosting a webinar called "State of the Nation: K-12 Online Learning in Canada." This webinar will focus on the newest release of a report highlighting online learning trends in Canada, *State of the Nation: K-12 Online Learning in Canada, third edition*.

This report documents trends in the policies around K-12 distance education from previous years. British Columbia continues to have the most extensive regulatory regime and highest student enrollments. All thirteen provinces and territories continue to use distance education within their K-12 systems. At present, K-12 distance education enrollment is estimated to be between 150,000 and 175,000 students. Additionally, Canadian teachers' unions continue their cautious support of the use of distance education in the K-12 environment.

This presentation, by Dr. Michael Barbour, Assistant Professor, Wayne State University, will identify some of the trends in Canada and expand upon each of the provincial and territorial profiles.

According to Susan Patrick, iNACOL President and CEO, "Canada has remarkable growth in expanding options for K-12 students through online courses. Students from rural and remote regions as well as urban centers are experiencing a range of high-quality online and blended learning opportunities. Students are accessing a spectacular range of digital content supported by teachers on and off site."

This webinar is part of the iNACOL Special Edition professional development series and will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2011, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM (Eastern) via Elluminate. Please register online: <http://www.inacol.org/events/>. Pricing is available for members and non-members. Press may attend free of charge by contacting Wendy Fleming at wfleming@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 3,800 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). NACOL hosts the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS).