

# North American Council for Online Learning

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## New K-12 Organization Names Executive Director

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**Boulder, Colorado** — The Board of Directors for **The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL)** is please to announce the appointment of their first Executive Director, Timothy K. Stroud.

Stroud is charged to carry out the mission and vision of NACOL which will provide leadership and direction for students and teachers interested in pursuing online educational opportunities in the K-12 education community.

Stroud will lead NACOL relying upon an extensive practical and policy background in K-12 learning. Most recently, he served as the Assistant Director for Educational Issues at the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) in Washington, D.C. where he primarily focused on education technology policy issues, but most specifically on the development of online professional development opportunities for public school teachers. Prior to his work with the AFT, Stroud served as a special assistant to former United States Secretary of Education, Richard Riley, legislative assistant to former Congressman Tony Coehlo (CA), and staff assistant to Senator Dennis DeConcini (AZ). Additionally, Stroud spent several years working as a lobbyist for the public advocacy firm of Alcalde & Fay (Arlington, VA) representing several major K-12 school districts and institutions of higher education. Finally, Stroud spent seven years working in the Fairfax County Public Schools as a high school social studies, speech, and debate teacher earning recognitions as an outstanding teacher and coach from organizations like the Readers Digest National Teacher of the Year program, Governor's School program(VA) and the National Forensics League.

Allan Jordan, Chair of the NACOL Board of Directors, in announcing Mr. Stroud's appointment said, "We are confident that Mr. Stroud's background and experience in developing solid initiatives that bring together public and private education sector key players will help NACOL to take the lead in the conversations surrounding K-12 online education. As our public schools address new challenges, NACOL, under the guidance of Mr. Stroud will bring together researchers, teachers, students, and policy makers to ensure that the development and access to quality online education becomes an immediate reality."

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