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TO: Directors/Coordinators, Exceptional Children Programs

FROM: Sherry H. Thomas, Director

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School-Based Enterprise at the 70th Conference on Exceptional Children

The Exceptional Children Division is extending this invitation to submit an online application to showcase the products that students create in their school-based enterprises (SBE) at the 70th annual Conference on Exceptional Children, November 18-19, 2021. The opportunity to showcase student work products is available at no charge and a table will be provided for the selected applicants. Since these products have been created and marketed by students with disabilities as part of their instructional program, they may be sold to support and sustain school-based enterprises.

Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis and notification of acceptance will be emailed to the contacts listed on the application by **Wednesday, September 29, 2021**. In an effort to consider the safety and wellness of participants, the EC Division may limit the number of tables available to applicants in the event that additional social distancing measures become necessary. Once the number of selected applications exceeds **ten (10)**, additional applicants will be put on a waiting list and invited if the space and conditions support making more tables available.

One table will be available per LEA. If multiple SBEs within the district would like to showcase products, please collaborate and submit one application that includes all schools participating in this event. All enterprises showcased during the conference will be recognized and listed in the conference program.

To apply, please complete the online application between **August 12, 2021, and September 17, 2021**, at the [application link](#). For more information, contact Beverly Colwell at beverly.colwell@dpi.nc.gov.

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