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Welcome back to the "**NCTAF News**"! On a quarterly basis, we are pleased to update you on NCTAF's most recent and exciting work!

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Future**

Today, NCTAF is announcing the launch of a major campaign to move schools into the new learning age. Our goal is to work with you to stimulate dialogue, raise awareness and build program and policy momentum. Please read on and learn how you can get engaged!

NCTAF Launches Cross-Generational Learning Teams Campaign

The impending retirement of millions of Baby Boomers will provide both a tremendous challenge and a unique opportunity to develop an education workforce that meets the needs of 21st century learners. Combine this with the unprecedented open learning environments of the new learning age, and it is clear that we are at the brink of an opportunity to create innovative strategies that can transform the culture of teaching and learning to meet the needs of today's students.



The campaign NCTAF is launching today will have many pieces - some designed to frame the issues, others to stimulate dialogue, and still others to engage the broader community in collective thinking. The stories are yours - but the opportunities for creating what's next in education are there for all of us.

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Did You Know?

The statistics are staggering. More than half of our nation's teaching workforce is quickly approaching retirement age. What does this mean for our schools? Will this be a crisis or an opportunity?

Our new animated slideshow is designed to help you get the conversation started! Watch it [here](#)!

NCTAF Policy Brief - A Baby Boom Tsunami: What Does it Mean for the Teaching Profession?

This is the first in a series of short policy briefs from NCTAF exploring the need to use the next several years to create a 21st century education workforce. This first brief focuses on the impending retirement of millions of Baby Boom teachers and how that will impact teaching and learning. Subsequent briefs will focus on cross-generational learning teams, effective strategies to engage teachers and non-teachers of all generations and policies, and practices that facilitate an education workforce ready to help all students meet the demands of work and learning in the 21st century.

To read the first policy paper, click [here](#).

21st Century White Paper: Join.Share.Learn.

Just as we are committed to building a 21st century education system, NCTAF is adopting a 21st century approach to research. We are excited to announce the creation of a 21st century White Paper, focused around the changing demographics of our teaching workforce. It will evolve as we gain more knowledge about cross-generational initiatives, policies and best practices at the school, district, state and national levels. This is your opportunity as stakeholders to share knowledge, experiences, best practices and policies on this critical issue.

Visit www.learningteams.org to contribute your knowledge. Check back frequently as topics change and new information is posted!

EVENTS:

- **Survey Release - A National Survey of Teachers and Principals on Cross-Generational Learning Teams:**
April 7, 2009; 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the National Press Club
- **State Retreat - Addressing the Changing Demographics of our Nation's Education System:**
April 28, 2009; 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Cafritz Conference Center, George Washington University

To RSVP for any of these events, please contact astanley@nctaf.org.

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