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Program Duration for Teachers Currently in North Carolina Public Schools

I am pleased to advise that the Department of State will permit sponsors of the Exchange Visitor Program teacher category to extend for up to two years the program duration of exchange visitor teachers currently participating in exchange teacher programs in the public school system of North Carolina.

North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction is revising its standard K-12 course of study to include an international education program that will prepare students for life in the global society of the 21st century. To further this objective, the Department of Education of North Carolina has approached the Department of State with a request to permit up to two additional years of participation for exchange visitor teachers currently in its school system. Recognizing that exchange visitor teachers bring to the U.S. classroom different perspectives and skill sets for programs focused on global literacy and language instruction, and also have a great multiplier effect for public diplomacy when they return to their home countries to share their experiences with students and colleagues, the Department is pleased to accommodate this request.

A request for an "Extension Beyond the Maximum Duration of Participation" will be favorably considered upon submission of the request in SEVIS, payment of the required fee, and receipt of a written request in support of such extension from an appropriate school district official. Please note that written requests must be received in the Department by June 20, 2010.

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