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**THE EDUCATION WRITERS ASSOCIATION INVITES EDUCATION JOURNALISTS TO
PARTICIPATE IN A WEBINAR ON COVERING
TEACHERS' CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

Who: National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) in partnership with the National Education Writers Association (EWA) featuring experienced union and school district negotiators

What: A webinar for education journalists that will demystify the bargaining process and show how teacher contracts affect teacher quality and student learning. We will answer:

- What's at stake for teachers, the school district and students?
- Who bargains and what are the ground rules of negotiations?
- What are the stages of bargaining?
- What is the role of the media?

NCTQ will show members of the media how to delve into a local contract and provide good questions to ask in order to better understand the contract's impact.

When: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 -- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (EST).

After the formal presentation experts will be available to answer more participants' questions.

Where: Webinar format (online and telephone)

To sign up or for questions email Bess Keller at bkeller@nctq.org or call 202-393-0020 x 15.

About the National Council on Teacher Quality

The National Council on Teacher Quality (www.nctq.org) advocates for reforms in a broad range of teacher policies at the federal, state and local levels in order to increase the number of effective teachers. We are committed to increasing public awareness about the four sets of institutions that have the greatest impact on teacher quality: state departments of education, teacher preparation programs, school districts and teachers' unions.

NCTQ has developed a free online database that allows users to compare and identify trends in over 350 distinct provisions in teachers' contracts and other critical documents. The TR3 (Teacher Rules, Roles and Rights) database contains data from at least one district in every state and the 75 largest public school districts in the country.

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