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## **Barker Joins SREB to Direct Educational Technology Cooperative**

### **Cooperative helps states use technology to raise student achievement**

Atlanta, GA — January 12, 2015 — Wanda Barker joins the Southern Regional Education Board January 20 as director of the SREB [Educational Technology Cooperative](#) (ETC), which brings together states to help them use technology to raise student achievement from pre-kindergarten through college.

Barker is currently executive director of e-learning and learning technology systems at the North Carolina Community College System, where she provides leadership for instructional technologies to support 58 colleges and 800,000 students. She manages the system's Virtual Learning Community, which supports e-learning through research, best practices and development of online courses shared among the colleges. In this position, she has represented North Carolina on the SREB ETC and SREB Electronic

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campus. Her areas of expertise include distance learning, instructional design, strategic planning and educational technology training.

At SREB, Barker will work closely with statewide heads of education technology at K-12 and postsecondary agencies on cooperative efforts to research, analyze and communicate about technology-enhanced education and related state policy. This includes raising awareness among state policy-makers about the 10 Critical Issues in Technology that Cooperative members have identified as highest priority to support state education goals.

“The 10 Critical Issues process provides strategic direction for our work together,” said Joan M. Lord, SREB vice president, education data, policy research and programs. “Barker is uniquely positioned to lead the Cooperative and help this group of education leaders make a difference in the SREB region and in each state.”

“I look forward to working with state education leaders and policy-makers to support technology-enhanced education and provide opportunities for innovation and creativity in the classroom — whether online, blended or traditional.” said Barker.

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