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Educating today's youth has become increasingly challenging. Innovative educators and school districts are always seeking new and better ways to accomplish their goals. We applaud North East High School for partnering with ACES to present this progressive program in economics education. Special thanks go out to the entire administration, faculty, and staff for their vision and commitment.

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