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[The following materials were sent to Career Education Corporation's (CEC) employee stockholders by John M. Larson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of CEC, on or about May 17, 2005.]

**To:** Fellow CEC Employee Stockholders  
**From:** John M. Larson  
**Date:** May 17, 2005  
**Re:** Mailing of Proxy Cards

As our 2005 CEC Annual Meeting of Stockholders approaches this Friday, we have made additional arrangements for you to mail in your proxy cards, if you have not done so already.

**Mailing arrangements for CEC Corporate Employee Stockholders**

If you have not already mailed in your proxy card, we have arranged for special overnight shipments to our proxy firm. Simply return your proxy IN A SEALED ENVELOPE to Jan Wilson (ext. 2001) on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. She sits directly across from Karen King in the southwest corner of the building.

Proxy cards must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. Thursday evening for special shipping.

If you are an employee stockholder, but have still not received your BLUE proxy card or CEC's proxy statement, you can obtain copies of these materials through Jan Wilson.

**Mailing arrangements for CEC School Employee Stockholders**

If you have not already mailed in your proxy card, we have arranged for special overnight shipments to our proxy firm. Simply return your proxy IN A SEALED ENVELOPE to your President's office. Your President's office will then mail your proxy card to our proxy firm at the following address:

ADP Proxy Services

Attn: Damian Rodriguez

Edgewood, NY 11717

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If you are an employee stockholder, but have still not received your BLUE proxy card or CEC's proxy statement, you can obtain copies of these materials free of charge through our proxy solicitor, MacKenzie Partners, Inc., by calling 1-800-322-2885.

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**Voting on the day of the Annual Meeting**

If you have not mailed your BLUE proxy card by Friday, May 20, and would still like to vote your proxy card on the day of the Annual Meeting, you have two options. You can either fax your proxy card to Automatic Data Processing (ADP) at 631-254-7693, or you can bring your proxy card to the Annual Meeting in person. There will be a registration table at the Annual Meeting where remaining proxy cards will be collected.

**CEC Voting**

On behalf of CEC's Board of Directors, I ask that you please fill out and return their **BLUE PROXY CARD**. In doing so, we ask that you please:

Vote **FOR** all three of our nominees to our Board of Directors;

Vote **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors; and

By voting for the two items above, grant your authority to vote **AGAINST** the stockholder proposals that may be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding your proxy, please do not hesitate to contact our proxy solicitor, MacKenzie Partners, Inc., at 1-800-322-2885. I also encourage you to read additional background on CEC's proxy vote at [www.careered.com](http://www.careered.com).

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