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MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators
System Curriculum Directors

FROM: Jeff Barker, Ph.D.
Director, Assessment Administration Division

SUBJECT: Nominations of Educators for the Georgia End-Of-Course Tests (EOCT)
Item/Data Review

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is seeking recommendations for highly qualified educators to participate in the upcoming Georgia End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) Item/Data Review Workshop. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday - Thursday, **July 15 – 17, 2008**. Each day of the workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at a hotel in the Atlanta Metro area. The sessions will consist of reviewing items that have been written for possible inclusion on future EOCT assessments as well as reviewing data from items that have been field tested. This is a vitally important process to ensure the validity and reliability of Georgia's End-Of-Course Tests. We need your best educators.

To ensure that an adequate representation of educators from around Georgia is selected, System Test Coordinators and/or System Curriculum Coordinators should submit the names of qualified teachers in Ninth Grade Literature and Composition, American Literature and Composition, Biology, Physical Science, Algebra I, Geometry, Math I, Economics/Business/Free Enterprise, and US History. We are also seeking highly qualified educators in special education and ESOL. You may submit up to 3 nominations per system. Please consider educators from your system who:

- 1) Demonstrate depth of knowledge in their content area
- 2) Demonstrate instructional expertise
- 3) Increase student achievement through the use of proven research-based practices
- 4) Participate in ongoing professional learning including GPS training
- 5) Provide leadership among their colleagues
- 6) Represent the ethnic and regional diversity of your system
- 7) Teach diverse and/or exceptional student populations, including vision and hearing impaired students
- 8) Receive recognition for their contributions to teaching and learning
- 9) Bring a fresh perspective to the EOCT development process

To ensure a balanced, representative committee, not all nominees will be selected. Those nominees not selected for the July meeting could be included in a pool from which the Assessment

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Administration Division staff may select individuals for participation in future events related to the EOCT. All nominees should be approved by a school administrator and the system testing coordinator before registering for the workshop.

Please submit nominations no later than April 25, 2008. To nominate educators, go to the on-line registration site www.cvent.com. The site will be available for nominations beginning April 10, 2008. Click on "RSVP to an event" in the top right hand corner and enter the event code: 4KN5LCR864F. Please RSVP once per person recommended. Participants will be notified by May 2, 2008 if they are selected to participate in this event. Registration does not indicate acceptance as a participant. Once selected, participants will be contacted with hotel registration information. Nominees not selected to participate will also be notified at this time.

Reimbursements for mileage at the rate of \$.505 per mile, accommodations, and per diem expenses will be provided for qualifying participants. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to participants. The dinner reimbursement cost is capped at \$15.00.

Thank you for your help with this important part of the EOCT program.

If you have any questions regarding nominations or the meetings, please contact Dr. Paula M. Rufus at prufus@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 656-5975.

If you have questions regarding the use of the registration site, CVENT, please contact Robin Jindrich-Cecil at robin.jindrich-cecil@pearson.com or (800) 627-7990 ext 6973.

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