

May 25, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators
Special Education Directors

FROM: Melissa Fincher,
Director, Division of Assessment Research & Development

SUBJECT: 2006 - 2007 Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Post Assessment Workshops

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will be conducting Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) post-assessment workshops at various locations across the state during the week of June 25-29, 2007. The purpose of these workshops is to provide information that will assist administrators and educators with the interpretation of GAA results that will be shipped to the systems in early June. Representatives from the GaDOE and Questar Assessment, Inc., will be participating in the workshops.

Each system is invited to send three people to attend the workshops. System Test Coordinators and Special Education Directors are strongly encouraged to attend. In order to ensure that adequate workshop materials are available, please complete the enclosed R.S.V.P. form included with this memorandum and return it via fax or email to Peggy Larson, Questar Assessment, Inc., by June 8, 2007. You will receive an email confirmation from Questar; directions to your selected meeting location will be included in the email.

The specific dates, workshop times, and locations for the workshops are listed on the following page. Please be aware that due to the limited capacity of some of the locations, reservations will be taken on a first come basis. A continental breakfast will be served at the beginning of each workshop. However, attendees are responsible for travel, meals, and lodging, if necessary.

Thank you in advance for arranging to attend one of these important workshops. Should you have questions about these workshops or the GAA, please contact Deborah Houston via email (dhouston@doe.k12.ga.us) or phone (404-657-0251.)

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GAA Post Assessment Workshop Dates and Locations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday June 25, 2007	Houston County BOE 1701 Houston Lake Rd. Perry, GA 31069 478-988-6197	10:00-12:30
Tuesday June 26, 2007	Southwest Georgia RESA 118 McLaughlin Street SW Pelham, GA 31779 229-294-6750	10:00- 12:30
Wednesday June 27, 2007	UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center 15 RDC Road Tifton, GA 30566 229-391-5055	9:00-11:30
Thursday June 28, 2007	Gainesville State College 3820 Mundy Mill Rd. Oakwood, GA 30566 678-717-3759	9:00-11:30
Friday June 29, 2007	State Board Room – 20 th Floor East Tower 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Dr. SE Atlanta, GA 30334 404-657-0251	9:00-11:30