



NORTH GLRS

FAITH'S FRIDAY FLASH

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FOCUS ON PRO SOCIAL BEHAVIORS AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Team trainings that are being held throughout the month of February will focus on defining pro social behaviors and the introduction of interventions to promote pro social behaviors. Dr. Robert Trussell from the University of Texas at El Paso and a frequent collaborator with Dr. Sandra Covington-Smith will guide us through the Pro Social piece of our training. It will be important for teams to have discipline policies from the District and school level, as well as data regarding discipline that has been collected.

To further enhance our training there will be representatives from the Parent Support /Liaison group that



will focus our attention on Family Engagement and they will introduce speakers that have very powerful messages for all of us.

Any data that indicates current initiatives within your schools will be helpful to facilitate discussion on family engagement.

Training Dates that are remaining:

- Feb. 27 Dean Rusk
- Feb. 28 Lenox

I look forward to seeing you at the Dean Rusk and Lenox trainings. Please plan to meet with Robert and me during the lunch break.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Contact Susan Brozovic with any team member changes, absences or **if you do not have a parent team member. Also, requests for training site changes need to go through Susan.**
- *The website for coaches is at www.pioneerresa.org. Bring training notebooks, action plans, and discipline data to your Feb. training.*
- Please continue to develop your data probe "summary statement" that you will bring to the March training sessions.

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IMPORTANT !

Remind team parents of February's focus "Family Engagement" and how crucial their attendance is; they will receive a \$100.00 stipend for their participation at the Feb. training session.

Only for those that attend trainings sessions in Warner Robbins and Lenox

The March training sites have been changed:

Warner Robbins site has been changed to Macon State College in the Learning Resources Building and Lenox has been changed to Moultrie Tech in Tifton.

March 14, 2008

Coach Training

The training will take place in the Pecan Room at Serenbe Inn.

Illuminate Session February 25, 2008

Dear Special Education Directors and others,

On Monday February 25, 2008 at 10:30 there will be an Illuminate session coordinated by the Standards and Instruction that is all about students with disabilities and the new graduation requirements. I will be presenting along with curriculum and discussing many of the nuances as well as the questions that you have already asked. This would be a great opportunity to view the Illuminate session as a team with high school principals, counselors, curriculum directors and special education administrators. By viewing as a team, you can ask questions and then make plans for how to proceed for next year.

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To access Illuminate Session: Go to the GA DOE website. Click on Curriculum & Instruction Services. Under New Graduation Rule, click on Illuminate Administrator Winter/Spring 2007-2008 and follow link for Feb. 25, 10:30 session. You may also find other Illuminate sessions that are of interest.

Also, there are recorded sessions that you may find to be of interest. Follow the directions below to access.

*Directions for accessing the recordings of the Graduation Rule Illuminate Conference Calls

Paste this link in to your web browser. It will bring you to the Illuminate Manager page.

<http://illuminate.gavirtualschool.org/doe/>

On the left side of the screen, click on "Recordings".

A page will show with a calendar on the right side.

Click on the date of the sessions. A list of recorded sessions will appear.

Click on the session you want to review.

You will be asked for a password. Please type in "graduation".

Once the session starts, you may need to fast forward to about minute 15 when the speaking begins.

Please note: If you have not participated in an Illuminate session on your computer, you may be asked to complete a quick installation of software to support this program.