March 21, 2017

Dear Colleague:

Please review these updates from the Office of Federal Programs.

**Georgia’s Systems of Continuous Improvement - CNA School Tool Templates**
The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is in the process of preparing to prepopulate the data tables in the FY18 Georgia Systems of Continuous Improvement Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) - School Tool for release to all districts by the end of March. In a slight change of plans from my previously announced distribution process, the prepopulated CNA tool templates for the schools will be sent to district superintendents via the MyGaDOE Portal as soon as the data are loaded and the templates are ready. Please use this advance notice to finalize your communication and support plans for working with schools to receive and complete their CNA tool templates this Spring.

As a reminder, prepopulated school level CNA tool templates will be provided by the GaDOE for all Priority and Focus schools, as well as all schools engaged in the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) work through the Office of Special Education Services and Supports. A blank template for use by all other schools needing to conduct a CNA will be posted to the Federal Programs homepage by the end of March. We are investigating the possibility of being able to provide prepopulated reports for all currently designated Title I schools and will be able to confirm by early April whether these will be available.

Expected to follow soon are the district and school level improvement plan templates.

**Georgia’s Systems of Continuous Improvement – Regional Workshops on May 10**

**WHO:** District Level Federal Program Staff (3 per district, please coordinate with your other local program staff prior to registration)

**WHAT:** Regional Workshops to Support the Implementation of Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement – Specifically the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and Plans for Improvement

**WHEN:** May 10, 2017; 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**WHERE:** 7 locations statewide (see below)

**WHY:** Districts are implementing a single comprehensive needs assessment and single district and school improvement plan(s) that includes all Federal programs. This workshop will focus on the questions or areas of need identified by attendees engaged in this important work. The format of this workshop will allow for multiple interactions with colleagues and Department staff to share information and ideas.

1. Colquitt County District Offices; 1800 Park Ave S.E, Moultrie, GA 31768
   - Register here: [https://form.jotform.com/70693887051162](https://form.jotform.com/70693887051162)
2. Glynn County Golden Isles Career Academy; 4404 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525
3. Houston County BOE Annex; 1600 Macon Rd, Perry, GA 31069
   o Register here: https://form.jotform.com/70694523228156

4. NW RESA; 3167 Cedartown Hwy, Rome, GA 30161
   o Register here: https://form.jotform.com/70694552379165

5. Pioneer RESA; 1342 Highway 254, Cleveland, GA 30528-0033
   o Register here: https://form.jotform.com/70693975201157

6. Henry County Schools Education Center; 109 South Lee Street, Stockbridge, GA 30281
   o Register here: https://form.jotform.com/70694045420149

7. Dekalb County Schools Board Offices; 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
   o Register here: https://form.jotform.us/70764420912150

Georgia’s Systems of Continuous Improvement – The Friday Webinar Series

• An additional webinar has been added to the Friday Webinar Series. On March 31, 2017 at 11:00 am, the GaDOE will lead a webinar showcasing the alignment between the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) and Georgia’s Systems of Continuous Improvement framework. Please register here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4842424412436534785

• The Federal Programs webpage has several resources available for LEAs: http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/default.aspx
  o Recordings and presentation materials from the webinar series
  o Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document
  o Blank CNA District Template
  o Links to several resources for selecting evidenced-based interventions:
    ▪ What Works Clearinghouse
    ▪ Evidence for ESSA
    ▪ Best Evidence Encyclopedia

Should you have any questions, please contact us at federalprograms@doe.k12.ga.us.

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