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## Griffin RESA awards over \$200,000 in Scholarships to GaTAPP Year 2 Teacher Interns

Griffin RESA is pleased to announce the disbursement of the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) grant awarded for the recruitment and retention of TAPP teachers to increase the teacher pipeline. The GaTAPP pathway equips teacher candidates with the necessary skills for initial success in their classrooms through concentrated training opportunities. This training, coupled with quality, on-the-job learning supported by supervisors, mentors, and administrators, establishes an induction program that nurtures the growth of teacher candidates. Ultimately, the goal is to encourage the retention of teachers ensuring each Georgia student has professionally qualified teachers providing quality instruction.

The current GaTAPP teachers enrolled in the Griffin RESA TAPP program for the 2022-2023 school year who will return to a Griffin RESA Regional School Systems for the 2023-2024 school year will have their second year of the TAPP program covered through funds from the grant. These \$1800 awards are for public school teachers in Butts County, Fayette County, Henry County, Lamar County, Newton County, Pike County, Spalding County, and Upson County. The qualifying Griffin RESA TAPP teachers will receive a letter announcing the grant. Dr. Stephanie Gordy, Executive Director of Griffin RESA stated "We are appreciative to the Georgia Department of Education for their support of our teacher retention efforts. These scholarships for Year 2 TAPP Teacher Interns provide support to teachers who have chosen to make education their career."

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