



# The RESA Reporter

## Griffin RESA Newsletter

May - June 2022



### Note from the Executive Director

Summer is around the corner and my wish is for educators to get a chance to rest and relax so they can recharge before the next school year begins. We have some exciting news to share:

Griffin RESA is pleased to announce it has been awarded three grants totaling over \$1.5 million dollars from the Georgia Department of Education for Teacher and Leader Support and Development over the next two years. The GaDOE Teacher and Leader Support and Development Grants were created to support Georgia Educators with teacher knowledge and student impact. The grant provides full endorsement tuition, books, and fees so there is no cost to the educator.

Griffin RESA applied for and received funding for the following endorsements: Coaching, Dyslexia, Gifted, K-5 Math, K-5 Science, SST-MTSS Facilitator, Reading, STEM and Teacher Leader. Griffin RESA also applied for and received funding for our GaTAPP program. An Endorsement to one's valid Georgia Educator certificate enhances the skills and dispositions of program completers in their respective area of study. This prepares the educator for higher levels of success in their current school or system role, as well as preparing them for future roles that may require an enhanced skill.

The 2022-2023 Griffin RESA Endorsement Scholarships are available to leaders and educators in Georgia K-12 public and local charter schools. Priority enrollment will be given to applicants from the Griffin RESA region. That region includes Butts County, Fayette County, Henry County, Lamar County, Newton County, Pike County, Spalding County and Upson County.

Take a peek into this newsletter for more information about the opportunity above including how to access our GRESA Endorsement Catalog or how to apply for the endorsement scholarships and MUCH MORE!

**Dr. Stephanie Gordy**  
Executive Director

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*Serving:*  
Butts, Fayette,  
Henry, Lamar,  
Newton, Pike,  
Spalding, Upson  
School Systems



## Griffin RESA Fall 2022 Endorsement Programs

An Endorsement to one's valid Georgia educator certificate enhances the skills and dispositions of program completers in their respective area of study. This prepares the educator for higher levels of success in their current school or system role, as well as preparing them for future roles that may require an enhanced skill.

Interested applicants are encouraged to click on the Endorsement title/link(s) below for each Endorsement's information, dates, and application. Please read admissions criteria carefully for certification and experience requirements as these may vary among Endorsements.

- [Coaching Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [Dyslexia Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [Gifted Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [K-5 Math Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [K-5 Science Endorsement](#) (Face-to-Face & Online classes)
- [Online Teaching Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [Reading Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [MTSS/SST Coordinator Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [STEM Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)
- [Teacher Leader Endorsement](#) (Virtual classes)

Please contact us with questions by email at [professionallearning@griffinresa.net](mailto:professionallearning@griffinresa.net) or by phone at Professional Learning Department at 770-229-3247 x 210.

To check out all of Griffin RESA's Professional Learning classes, go to [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 27, 2022



### **Griffin RESA Awarded Grant for Endorsement Scholarships and GaTAPP**

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Grants awarded include the Expanding Opportunities for Teachers: Teachers & Teacher Leader Endorsements Grant with an award of \$989,338 and the GaTAPP Allocations for Recruitment of TAPP Teachers to Increase the Teacher Pipeline Award of \$419,009. In total, grants awarded were \$1,408,347.

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Dr. Stephanie Gordy, Executive Director of Griffin RESA said, "We are so appreciative of the support from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to help us support teachers growing as professionals and to strengthen the teacher pipeline. This will remove the barrier of cost for thousands of educators who want to continue their professional knowledge, skills, and abilities."

Specific Endorsement Information about the opportunity above including how to access our GRESA Endorsement Catalog or how to apply for the endorsement scholarships is accessible from the link below:

**[FY23 Griffin RESA Endorsement Scholarships Catalog](#)**

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# Save The Date!

## Griffin RESA's 2022-2023 Drive-In Conferences

### **2022-2023 Drive- In Conferences**

*(Click on the Conference Title links to Register)*

<a href="#"><u><b>Instructional Coaches Drive-In Conference</b></u></a>	September 28, 2022
<a href="#"><u><b>Para-Professional Drive-In Conference</b></u></a>	November 2, 2022
<a href="#"><u><b>Model Schools' Drive-In Conference</b></u></a>	March 1, 2023

*8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Face-to-Face Conference  
\$75 (includes continental breakfast, lunch, keynote, and numerous breakout sessions.)*

Our Drive-In Conferences attract hundreds of participants each year, with resoundingly positive feedback on the valuable sessions. Please mark your calendars and save the date!

**Lodging/Hotel Accommodations (if needed):** We have negotiated a conference rate for you at the following hotels. Please mention Griffin RESA when making your registration for a discounted rate.

- The Comfort Inn and Suites in Griffin has a rate of \$75.00 plus tax for a standard room. 770-228-9799  
*(1906 North Expressway, Griffin GA)*
- The Comfort Inn and Suites in Locust Grove has a rate of \$79.00 plus tax for a standard room. 678-827-7700  
*(4699 Bill Gardner Parkway, off I-75 across from Tanger Premium Outlets)*

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### **2022-2023 Virtual Conference**

*(Click on the Conference Title link to Register)*

[\*\*Best Practices in Teaching Virtual Conference\*\*](#) February 1 -9, 2023  
*\$35 (asynchronous format with prerecorded sessions)*

***Look for a Call for Presentations coming in the next few months.***





# Griffin RESA

## 2<sup>nd</sup> APEL Cohort

# Alternative Preparation for Educational Leadership

*Application Packet due by May 20, 2022*

Griffin RESA’s Georgia Alternative Preparation for Educational Leadership (APEL) program is scheduled to begin in July 2022. APEL will offer a one year job embedded pathway for candidates seeking Tier I or Tier II Leadership certification. This program is designed for educators with a Master’s degree or higher who are looking for leadership certification-only (non-degree). APEL is designed to instruct, guide, and support employed leaders helping them build the confidence, skills, and presence needed to lead.

- **Tier I Certification:** Candidates must hold entry-level leadership positions, which include P-12 school level positions below the principal and system level positions that do not supervise principals.
- **Tier II Certification:** Candidates must hold advanced leadership positions, which include P-12 school level principals or the equivalent, superintendents, or other LUA staff who supervise principals. In addition to employment in a leadership position the candidate must already hold a level 5 or higher Standard Professional Educational Leadership Tier I certificate or a Standard Professional L-certificate in Educational Leadership Tier II.
- **Tier I and Tier II Certification:** Candidates must be recommended for admission by a local Unit of Administration (LUA) or employer that will verify employment and provide an assurance that the candidate will be available one-half day or more each day to work in a leadership position.

**For more information about Griffin RESA’s APEL program visit the *Leadership Development: Alternative Ed Leadership Certification Program* tab at [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)  
Please email questions to [professionallearning@griffinresa.net](mailto:professionallearning@griffinresa.net)**

**GRIFFIN RESA**  
**2022**  
**13TH ANNUAL**  
**SOUTH METRO**  
**SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**



**2022**  
**13th Annual**  
**South Metro Summer**  
**Leadership Conference**



**June 6 - 7, 2022**

**Hilton Peachtree City**  
**Atlanta Hotel and**  
**Conference Center**

**Peachtree City, Georgia**

**Conference Schedule**



**Monday, June 6**

7:30 – 9:45 Registration and Check-In  
 9:10 – 9:40 Continental Breakfast  
 9:10 – 11:15 General Session I  
 11:25 – 12:25 Concurrent Sessions A  
 12:30 – 1:45 Plated Lunch  
 2:00 – 3:00 Concurrent Sessions B  
 3:00 – 3:30 Break/Sponsor Visits  
 3:30 – 4:30 Concurrent Sessions C  
 4:40 – 5:40 Concurrent Sessions D  
 5:40 – 6:00 Break/Sponsor Visits  
 6:00 Dinner and Entertainment

**Tuesday, June 7**

7:00 – 9:15 Continental Breakfast  
 8:40 – 9:10 Break/Sponsor Visits  
 9:15 – 10:45 General Session II  
 11:00 – 12:30 General Session III  
 12:30 – 1:45 Plated Lunch  
 2:00 – 3:00 Concurrent Sessions E  
 3:00 – 3:30 Break/Sponsor Visits  
 3:30 – 4:30 Concurrent Sessions F

**Register at:**  
**[www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)**

**Session Schedule**

The conference will consist of three informational general sessions and 24 breakout sessions embedded in four primary strands. General and specialty sessions will address topics of interest to:

- ◆ Elementary Administrators
- ◆ Middle School Administrators
- ◆ High School Administrators
- ◆ System-level Administrators
- ◆ Teacher Leaders
- ◆ Aspiring Leaders
- ◆ University Administrators

**Primary Strands:**

- Instructional Leadership
- School Climate
- Planning & Assessment
- Organizational Management
- HR Management
- Teacher/Staff Evaluation
- Professionalism
- Communication & Community Relations

- ◆ Registration fee includes Monday breakfast, Monday lunch, Monday evening dinner, Tuesday breakfast, and Tuesday lunch (5 Meals)
- ◆ Dynamic and engaging presenters
- ◆ Informative and interactive sessions emphasizing increased student achievement
- ◆ Proven research-based instructional strategies
- ◆ System/school planning time
- ◆ Excellent network opportunities to visit with educational leaders







# Pre-Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (Pre-TAPP)



*Griffin RESA is pleased to announce our annual program for individuals who are interested in teaching but have not yet secured a contracted teaching position.*

**June 6-17, 2022**

**OR**

**June 20-July 1, 2022**

**OR**

**July 11-22, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

*(Participants only need to attend ONE session)*

## Location

**Griffin RESA**

## Information/Questions

Please contact the TAPP Coordinator, Griffin RESA at 770.229.3247 Ext 209 or e-mail [TAPP@griffinresa.net](mailto:TAPP@griffinresa.net).

## Registration Deadlines:

**May 30, 2022 (for session #1)**

**June 13, 2022 (for session #2)**

**July 4, 2022 (for session #3)**

## Pre-Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (Pre-TAPP)

- College Transcript – minimum four-year degree with a 2.5 GPA
- GACE I – Program Admissions
- GACE II – Content Assessment
- Application form available at [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net).
- Registration for the “Essentials of Effective Instruction” class at [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net) (Go to Professional Learning, create a profile, and register for the class)

The tuition for the Pre-TAPP session is \$600.00 which include all books and supplies. If Participants secure a contracted teaching position in one of our school systems, the \$600.00 will be applied to Year – 1 TAPP fees. After completing the summer Pre-TAPP Essentials course, a list of eligible candidates will be provided to our school systems that may have vacancies for the 2022-2023 school year in the field of study. Candidates who are interested in attending either session must have met the above criteria ten (10) calendar days prior to session.

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## MAY 2022 CLASS LIST

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### **Formative Assessment: Establishing and Maintaining a Routine of Checking for Understanding**

May 2 thru May 30, 2022: Online

### **Using Real World Math to Teach Problem-Solving**

May 3, 2022: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

### **Preschool Special Needs Consortium**

May 3, 2022: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

### **Using Games to Teach Mathematics: K-12 Math Teachers**

May 4, 2022: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

### **Restore & Inspire for School Leaders: School Climate Temperature Check**

May 4 thru May 11, 2022: Online

### **Classroom Management for PK-5th**

May 10, 2022: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

### **Interactive Comprehension Strategies for Pre-K through Grade 2**

May 11 thru May 18, 2022: Online

### **Resume Writing & Interview Tips for Educators (Teacher Positions)**

May 19, 2022: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**For more information or to register, go to [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net).**



## JUNE 2022 CLASS LIST

- How to Understand a Psychoeducational Evaluation** - 6/1/22 - 6/15/22 (Online)
- Strategies for Teaching Low Incidence Disabilities** - 6/1/22 - 6/15/22 (Online)
- Supporting the Social Emotional Learning Needs of SWDs** - 6/1/22 - 6/15/22 (Online)
- 10 Signs of a 21st Century Math Classroom** - 6/1/22 (9-3:30)
- Classroom Management for PK-5th** - 6/1/22 (9-3:30)
- Instructional Planning for Student Success** - 6/2/2022 (9-3:30)
- Growth Mindset: Shifting Students from a Fixed Mindset to Increase Student Achievement** - 6/2/22 - 6/9/22 (Online)
- South Metro Summer Leadership Conference DAY REGISTRATION (No Lodging)** - 6/6/22 - 6/7/22 (8:30-4:30)
- South Metro Summer Leadership Conference FULL REGISTRATION** - 6/6/22 - 6/7/22 (8:30-4:30)
- ELA Teachers: Your Best Writers Yet (Grades K-5)** - 6/6/22 - 6/13/22 (Online)
- New Math Standards Overview for K-12 Educators** - 6/7/22 (9-3:30)
- Classroom Management for 6-12 Teachers** - 6/8/22 (9-3:30)
- Evidence-Based Best Practices for the K-12 Math Classroom** - 6/8/22 (9-3:30)
- New Math Standards Overview for 3-5 Educators** - 6/8/22 (9-3:30)
- Young Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training** - 6/9/22 (8:30-4:00)
- New Math Standards Overview for 6-7 Educators** - 6/9/22 (9-3:30)
- ELA Teachers: From Surviving to Thriving with Reading Foundations (K-5)** - 6/14/22 - 6/15/22 (9-3:30)
- Motivating Students Towards Achievement (K-12)** - 6/15/22 (9:00-3:30)
- Using Technology to Enhance Instruction in the K-12 Math Classroom** - 6/15/22 (9-3:30)
- Autism Intervention and Supports** - 6/16/22 - 6/29/22 (Online)
- Processing Deficits and Instructional Implications** - 6/16/22 - 6/29/22 (Online)

For more information or to register, go to [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net).



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## **Griffin RESA Announcement**

### ***Congratulations to the Winners of the Griffin RESA 2021-2022 Regional Middle School Math Contest***

## **Winners of the 2021-2022 MS Math Contest**

### **Team Winners:**

#### Division I (Smaller Schools)

- 1st Place** – Newton County Theme School
- 2nd Place** – Lamar County Middle School
- 3rd Place** – Veterans Memorial Middle School

#### Division II (Medium Schools)

- 1st Place** – Pike County Middle School
- 2nd Place** – Stockbridge Middle School
- 3rd Place** – Woodland Middle School

#### Division III (Larger Schools)

- 1st Place** – Rising Starr Middle School
- 2nd Place** – Whitewater Middle School
- 3rd Place** – Flat Rock Middle School

### **Individual Winners Overall:**

- 1st Place** – Zimri Cauble, Rising Starr Middle School
- 2nd Place** – Rohaan Patel, Eagle’s Landing Middle School
- 3rd Place** – Shihyun Park, Rising Starr Middle School

**Note:** The Griffin RESA Middle School Math Contest is a regional competition among middle schools in the Griffin RESA region which consists of the following school systems: *Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Spalding, and Upson.*



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## **Griffin RESA Announcement**

### ***Congratulations to the Winners of the Griffin RESA 2021-2022 Regional High School Math Contest***

## **Winners of the 2021-2022 HS Math Contest**

### **Team Winners:**

#### **Division I (Smaller Schools)**

**1st Place** – Newton College and Career Academy

**2nd Place** – Spalding High School

**3rd Place** – Sandy Creek High School

#### **Division II (Medium Schools)**

**1st Place** – Starr’s Mill High School

**2nd Place** – Luella High School

**3rd Place** – Whitewater High School

#### **Division III (Larger Schools)**

**1st Place** – Union Grove High School

**2nd Place** – McIntosh High School

**3rd Place** – Dutchtown High School

### **Individual Winners Overall:**

**1st Place** – Wonuola Abiodun, Union Grove High School

**2nd Place** – Kaleb Bates, Luella High School

**3rd Place** – Tito Alofe, Starr’s Mill High School

**Note:** The Griffin RESA High School Math Contest is a regional competition among high schools in the Griffin RESA region which consists of the following school systems: *Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Spalding, and Upson.*



HAVE AN ENJOYABLE MEMORIAL DAY

