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Griffin RESA Awarded Grant for Endorsement Scholarships and GaTAPP

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.

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.

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 and 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.

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