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## **Griffin RESA to Host College Goal Sunday, February 28, 2010**

**Griffin RESA, in collaboration with the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), is pleased to announce College Goal Sunday (CGS) on Sunday, February 28 2010.**

### **Program Goal**

College Goal Sunday is designed to assist potential college students and their parents throughout Georgia in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

### **Background Information and Rationale**

College Goal Sunday originated in Indiana in 1989. Since then it has been implemented in Arizona (1997), Kansas (1999), Kentucky (2001), Washington, DC/Baltimore area (2002), and California (2002). In 2003, CGS assisted more than 20,000 students and has a goal of serving more than 200,000 students by 2010.

Indiana financial aid officials found that a small percentage of eligible families were applying for federal financial aid for pursuing post-secondary education. After gathering qualitative data it was determined that many families needed assistance in two important areas. First, they needed to receive more information about the availability of financial aid through a variety of channels. Second, they needed expert assistance in completing the FAFSA forms to apply for financial aid.

Volunteers from the GSFC and the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will staff the event. A statewide publicity campaign will precede the event and will be administered by the organizers of CGS.

**Host:** Griffin RESA and Georgia Student Finance Commission  
**Event:** College Goal Sunday  
**Date:** February 28, 2010  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free (\$0.00)

**Audience:** Students and Families needing assistance in completing FAFSA forms to attend traditional college, community college, vocational or technical school after completing high school or obtaining a General Education Development certificate (GED).

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