

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.*

Quote by: Sydney J. Harris

## SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Day 2 of the Science Leadership Academy is **March 4, 2011**, from **9:00-3:00** in **Room 605 of Southwest Georgia RESA in Camilla**. Leaders in the area of Science come together to address strategies and new developments in science education. Discussion will include the planning of the SW GA RESA Science Educators Conference that will take place in June.

## PROJECT LEARNING TREE

March 15 & 16, 2011 ♦ SW GA RESA PLC, Camilla ♦ 9:00-3:00

(Rescheduled from original dates of March 9 & 10)

Teaching science GPS in a rigorous and relevant way is not easy without resources. Project Learning Tree will provide specific methods of pedagogy for environmental science instruction based on best practices in research. Participants will acquire new insights and skills for developing and assessing inquiry performance tasks through participating in real world science tasks and assessing them. There is a \$20.00 fee for member systems. This covers the cost of the supplemental environmental science curriculum that addresses GPS. Register by completing a Prior-Approval, Pre-Registration Form and submitting a system purchase order.

## TRS INDIVIDUAL PRE-RETIREMENT COUNSELING SESSIONS

Southwest Georgia RESA will host "TRS Individual Pre-retirement Counseling Sessions during the month of April. These counseling sessions are for TRS employees that are within 5 years of retirement. Registration for a counseling appointment must be completed through the TRS Website. The web address is: "www.trsga.com." All site users will be required to login and if you are not within five years of retirement as well as a member of our district RESA, you will not be able to access the registration area. TRS representatives will be available on **April 27 & 28, 2011**, beginning at **8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.** both days. The sessions will take place in Rooms 601 and 602. Registration is limited, so register early.

**Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" one hour before retiring for the evening on March 12, 2011.**



## March Dates:

**Thursday, March 3, 2011**

9:30 RESA Board of Control Meeting  
10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting  
Speaker: Debra Harden, GSSA

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**

SBOE Meeting

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

Daylight Saving Time Begin

**April 4-8, 2011**

Spring Holidays/RESA CLOSED

**April 14, 2011**

9:30 RESA Board of Control Meeting  
10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting  
Topic: CCGPS

## INQUIRY & RESEARCH: ARE WE TEACHING IT?

The second day of "Inquiry & Research: Are we Teaching It?" is scheduled for **March 9, 2011** from **9:00-3:00** in **Room 601 and 605** at SW GA RESA. Participants of the first day will remember that Day 2 was postponed due to the illness of the presenter.

## DIFFERENTIATION STRATEGIES WITH WENDY CONKLIN

On May 4, Wendy Conklin will be at Southwest Georgia RESA to explain why we should not be overwhelmed by the idea of differentiating instruction. This training will be from 9:00-3:00 in the PLC and will offer a step-by-step process for differentiating instruction in all content areas. Many teachers are already differentiating curricula and Conklin will provide strategies that encourage teachers to recognize how they are differentiating and to add to what they are already doing. Schools should register teachers in teams of 6 that are committed to working together to take the strategies back for use in their schools. Please register by April 27 for this training using the SWRESA Pre-Registration form.

# MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COMMON CORE GPS

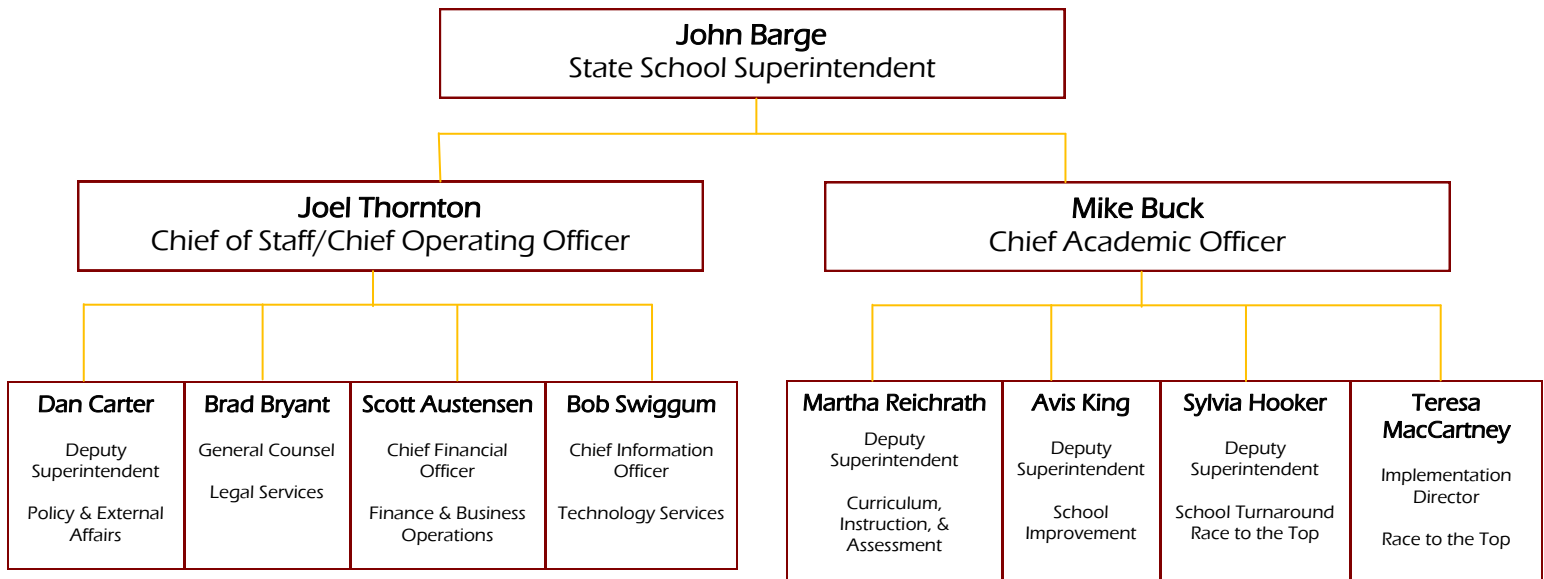
SW GA RESA will provide informational sessions about the CCGPS on April 14 and April 20 for all Administrators. Superintendents and Curriculum Directors are invited to attend the first overview session at the monthly SW GA School Superintendents Association Meeting, April 14, at 10:00 for information on the alignment of the CCGPS in English Language Arts K-12 and Math K-12. A duplicate session will be held on the same date (April 14) from 1:00-3:00 for additional administrators. There will be a make-up session on April 20, from 9:30-11:30. All Sessions will include CCGPS Teacher Training, Implementation and Common Assessments.

The overview sessions are scheduled as followed:

**All sessions will be held in the PLC.**

<b>APRIL 14, 2011</b> Superintendents & Curriculum Directors 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (part of the Superintendents Monthly Meeting)	<b>APRIL 14, 2011</b> Principals, Assistant Principals, Instructional Supervisors, Lead Teachers Afternoon Session 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	<b>APRIL 20, 2011</b> Make-up Session 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
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### Georgia Department of Education Leadership Team January 2011



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Feb. 28/Mar. 1	9:00-3:00	Health Conference (Rescheduled due to President's Day)	SW GA RESA PLC
March 4	9:00-3:00	Science Leadership Academy	Room 605
March 9	9:00-3:00	Inquiry Research: Are We Teaching It? (DAY 2)	Room 605
March 15/16	9:00-3:00	Project Learning Tree (K-8)	Room PLC
March 15/16	8:00-1:00	Leadership Meeting/Sherri Sallinger	Room 604
March 17	10:00	Transportation Directors Meeting	Room 601
April 27/28	8:30-4:00	TRS One-on-One Counseling Sessions	Room 601 & 602