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## **GCER Announces an ESSAY CONTEST**

In order to encourage students to think more deeply about their obligations to study and work hard and to, perhaps give schools some feedback to chew on, GCER is sponsoring an essay contest to address the topic, "What would a school be like that motivated students to study harder?" Find below a DRAFT of the rules, guidelines. **Please give me any suggestions you have about how this announcement can be improved/clarified by Wednesday, September 7.**

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### **GOOD LUCK**

If you decide to implement this program, please let the Georgia Center know. If you are interested in this program, but feel you need additional advice or support, please contact Dr. Charles Reavis at the Georgia Center for Educational Renewal at [careavis@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:careavis@georgiasouthern.edu) or call 912-681-5719

### **HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

**1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE-\$300      2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE-\$200      3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE-\$100**

3 Honorable Mentions, \$50

**Topic:**

**What would a school be like that motivated students to study harder?**

The Georgia Center for Educational Renewal, located at Georgia Southern University, is sponsoring an essay contest on the topic, "What would a school be like that motivated students to study harder?" We are hopeful that this will encourage students to think more deeply about their responsibilities in studying and, perhaps, also provide teachers with ideas for school development initiatives. Find below the criteria for the contest. We hope you will encourage many of your students to participate.

**Criteria:**

- Maximum of 300 words
- Must be realistic (no "perfect school" or "perfect month")
- Must offer practical ideas (no "school wouldn't be doing")
- Should be based on current school learning
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**Eligibility:**

- Open to all public high schools in RESA region I
- One submission per school (no individual submissions)

**Submission:**

- Each school's average grade (A, B, etc) for all school work should appear on the submission
- Schools will screen the submissions, using the Criteria, and mail the top 10%, equally divided among A, B, and C students (if the school receives 100 entries, the school will forward 10 to Dr. Reavis – 3 from the A students, 3 from the B students, and 3 from the C students, with one extra chosen at random from the best essays).

**Mail submissions to:** Dr. Charles Reavis  
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Awards for each winner will be made at a Board meeting of the district.

