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G CER 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 or call 912-681-5719

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

1st PRIZE-\$300 2nd PRIZE-\$200 3rd PRIZE-\$100

3 Honorable Mentions, \$50 each

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 and administrators ideas about possible school development initiatives. Find below the criteria, eligibility, and submission procedures. We hope you will encourage many of your students to participate.

Criteria:

- Maximum of 300 words
- Must be realistic (No ideas such as "It would pay me \$1,000/ month")
- Must offer positive ideas (No comments about what the school wouldn't be doing)
- Should be a thoughtful reflection about teaching and learning
- Should contain sufficient detail to enable the judges to understand the specifics of your suggestions.

Eligibility:

- Must be a student in good standing in a public high school in RESA region I
- Must be submitted from the student's school (no individual submissions)

Submission: Due date – October 14

- Maximum of 300 words
- Student name, school, and average grade (A, B, etc) for all school work should appear on each submission.
- Schools are asked to 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.