



Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools

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MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators
Curriculum Directors

FROM: Jeff Barker, Ph.D.
Director of Assessment Administration

SUBJECT: Fall 2007 CRCT Post-Administration Workshops

The Georgia Department of Education is hosting a professional development activity related to the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT). The purpose of this activity is to help local school curriculum and testing specialists utilize the various CRCT reports for instructional planning to improve student achievement. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the CRCT reports and discussing the resources that are available to help students and teachers prepare for the assessment. Other topics that will be discussed are the Lexile metric, the macro training model for using the Data Extraction Tool and benchmark assessments.

Three sessions are scheduled using Elluminate Live. The dates and times are listed below.

Date	Time
Tuesday, October 9, 2007	9:00 – 11:00 am
Wednesday, October 10, 2007	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Thursday, October 11, 2007	9:00 – 11:00 am

Our recommendation would be to include staff that are familiar with the CRCT assessments and also have knowledge of basic technology competencies (spreadsheets, importing data, etc.).

As you are aware, Elluminate Live is a real-time training and collaboration environment that is flexible and easy to use. It allows participants the ability to talk over the Internet, view presentations and much more. Each Elluminate session will be recorded and available on the Elluminate web site for participants who are unable to attend. For first-time users of the Elluminate Live program, instructions for set-up, log-in and use of the system are provided in the attachment included with this memo.

We hope that systems will take advantage of this learning opportunity. Thank you for your help in sharing this information with your schools and your contribution to the CRCT program.

If you have questions about the CRCT program or state policies, please contact Ms. Shirley Millicans at (404) 656-2589 or shmillic@doe.k12.ga.us. If you questions concerning Elluminate, please contact Joe Blessing at (404) 657-0311 or jblessin@doe.k12.ga.us.

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