



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent

**August 22, 2011**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** System Test Coordinators  
System Curriculum Coordinators  
System Special Education Directors

**FROM:** Tony Eitel  
Director, Assessment Administration

**SUBJECT:** Nominations of Educators for Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests – Modified (CRCT-M) Data/Item Review Workshop

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is seeking recommendations for highly qualified educators with experience teaching students with disabilities to participate in the upcoming Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests – Modified (CRCT-M) Data/Item Review Workshop. This meeting is scheduled for **October 4 - 5, 2011**. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Atlanta, GA. Participants will be required to attend both days of the meeting. The meeting will consist of (1) reviewing data from items that were field tested during spring 2011 CRCT-M administration forms and (2) reviewing new items that may be field tested during the 2012 administration. This is a vitally important process to ensure the validity and reliability of Georgia's CRCT-M program. We need your best educators.

To ensure that an adequate representation of educators from Georgia is selected, System Test Coordinators, Special Education Directors, and/or Curriculum Coordinators should submit the names of qualified teachers in Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics in grades 3-8. We are seeking highly qualified educators with experience teaching the population of students appropriate for the CRCT-M (i.e., students with disabilities who receive grade-level instruction but who struggle to demonstrate grade-level proficiency due to their disabilities). You may submit up to five nominations per system. Please consider educators from your system who:

- 1) Demonstrate depth of knowledge in their content area
- 2) Demonstrate instructional expertise with the targeted population
- 3) Increase student achievement through the use of proven research-based practices
- 4) Participate in ongoing professional learning including GPS training
- 5) Provide leadership among their colleagues
- 6) Represent the ethnic and regional diversity of your system
- 7) Receive recognition for their contributions to teaching and learning
- 8) Bring a fresh perspective to the CRCT-M development

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To ensure a balanced and representative committee, not all nominees will be selected. Those nominees not selected for the Data/Item Review Workshop will be included in a pool from which the GaDOE Assessment Division staff may select individuals for participation in future events related to the CRCT-M. Systems are encouraged to nominate first time participants. All nominees should be approved by a school and/or system administrator.

**Please submit nominations before Friday, September 9, 2011. To nominate educators, please go to the on-line registration site by clicking on the following the link:**

[CRCT-M Data Review Workshop Nomination Form](#)

**Participants will be notified the week of September 12, 2011 if they are selected to participate in this event.** Once selected, participants will be contacted with hotel and registration information. Nominees not selected will be notified once the participant list is finalized. Until such time, they are alternates for participation.

Reimbursements for substitute teachers (if appropriate), mileage at the rate of \$0.51 per mile, accommodations, and per diem expenses will be provided for qualifying participants. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to participants. The dinner reimbursement is capped at \$20.00.

If you have any questions regarding the CRCT-M program, nominations or the meeting, please contact Mary Nesbit-McBride at [mmcbride@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mmcbride@doe.k12.ga.us) or (404) 232-1207.

If you have questions regarding the use of the registration site, please contact Stephanie Lai at [slai823@uga.edu](mailto:slai823@uga.edu) or (706) 542-6606.

Thank you for your help with this important part of the CRCT-M program.

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