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REACH Expands to 103 School Districts with Statewide Signing Week

More than five hundred students became new REACH Georgia Scholars during Georgia's statewide signing week, which began October 2nd and concluded October 6th. The REACH Georgia program now includes nearly 1,200 students in 103 school systems across the state. In celebration of these students, Governor Nathan Deal and First Lady Sandra Deal attended signing events in several counties around the state. Launched by Governor Deal in 2012, the REACH Georgia Scholarship Program is a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program designed to encourage students, starting in middle school, to persist in their educational pursuits. Students in the program are provided with the academic, social, and financial support needed to graduate from high school, access college, achieve postsecondary success and be prepared for the 21st century Georgia workforce.

"REACH signing week is a great way for us to celebrate the students that are signing REACH contracts and committing themselves to bettering their educational success," stated Governor Deal. "These students are our great state's future, and by seeing the dedication and determination they have for their education shows just how bright Georgia's future is."

As part of REACH signing week, each school system participating in the program sponsors a REACH signing ceremony, during which new REACH scholars sign contracts to maintain a grade point average, uphold good attendance, and meet with academic coaches while remaining crime, drug, and behavior issue free. Parents and guardians also sign contracts signaling their support of their student's endeavors.

"We are very proud of the students and their supporters who joined the REACH program this week," stated Caylee Noggle, Interim President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).

"Thanks to the support from Governor Deal and the General Assembly, REACH is allowing more Georgia students to pursue education beyond high school and be prepared for tomorrow's workforce."

For the 2017-2018 school year, REACH has a total of 103 school systems participating in the program and nearly 1,200 Scholars. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or would like to learn more about the REACH Program, please visit www.reachga.org.

About the REACH Georgia program

The REACH Georgia Program is a needs-based scholarship and mentorship program administered by the Georgia Student Finance Authority and is designed to assist academically promising students with the extra mentoring, academic coaching, and support they need to be successful in high school and to access and complete a post-secondary credential. Upon high school graduation, eligible REACH Scholars receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Founded by Governor Deal in 2012, today the program serves more than 100 school systems and 1,200 students across Georgia, committing more than \$15 million in scholarships. Additional information about REACH is available at reachga.org or 800.505.4732 (GSFC).