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Dear Colleague:

Over the past few months, we have been reassessing the **GAfutures** website project to determine the next steps in its development. I am pleased to announce we are moving forward with the launch of **GAfutures.org** this summer. **GAfutures** will provide Georgians with information, tools and resources to plan, apply and pay for college.

As **GAcollege411.org** is retired and **GAfutures** is brought online, the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) will be assuming responsibility for providing the tools and support needed to assist schools in fulfilling their BRIDGE/CCRPI obligations. This includes provision of career assessments, career exploration activities and high school graduation planning. **GAfutures** will not include this functionality.

After in-depth discussions, the DOE and GSFC believe this transition is in the best interest of counselors and students. DOE has the systems and resources to provide schools with single-system access and more up-to-date course lists, career clusters and pathways, as well as timely reporting and implementation of changes to statewide education and counseling requirements.

For schools currently using **GAcollege411** for their BRIDGE/CCRPI activities, the reporting process will remain the same for the 2015 – 2016 school year. DOE has created a preliminary [guidance document](#) for middle and high schools in preparation for the 2016 – 2017 school year and will provide additional information on the transition in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Myrel Seigler at mseigler@doe.k12.ga.us, Maria Grovner at mgrovner@doe.k12.ga.us, or GSFC at gafutures@gsfc.org or 770.724.9000.

GSFC's mission is to help Georgians access higher education through the financial aid programs we administer and the educational services we provide. **GAfutures** will play an integral part in supporting this mission and ensuring more Georgians are continuing their education beyond high school. We will share more information on the features and functions of **GAfutures** as we move closer to launch.

Thank you again for your feedback and support throughout the development of **GAfutures**. We look forward to continuing our partnerships to make a better Georgia through education.

Sincerely,

Tricia P. Chastain