



Guilford County Schools will sponsor 4 DPAC Members to attend the National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents 2008 Annual Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, October 29 – November 2, 2008. Registration, airfare, hotel, meals (reimbursed upon return, per diem), and airport parking (reimbursed upon return) will be paid by District's Title I funds.

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Any 2008-2009 DPAC Members that is interested in representing Guilford County Schools must submit their names to Kelly Hales, Director of Title I no later than Friday, September 19, 2008. Any names received after this date will not be considered. Names can be submitted via email (titlei@gcsnc.com) or fax (378.8801) or in person (at the DPAC meeting).

As with all Guilford County Schools employees who attend conferences, conference attendees are required to presented the information gathered at the conference to DPAC members and other District personnel and participating in various presentations that may occur.



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**THE TITLE I FAMILY... "RECOMMITMENT OF OURSELVES TO THE
STRUGGLE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION"**

April 11, 2008

Dear Title I Family Members and Friends:

Thirty-five years ago fifty parents from across the nation organized the National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents. Led by William "Hicks" Anderson of Wilmington, Delaware, the Coalition led the fight for increased parental involvement in the Title I law enacted by Congress in 1965.

For thirty-four years the Coalition's national conference provides an opportunity for parents, Title I staff and concerned citizens to join together to learn about Title I and to build a movement on behalf of Title I children.

We extend to you a special invitation to join with us for the 35th anniversary conference as we recommit ourselves to the struggle for quality education for Title I students. The 35th anniversary conference convenes at a memorable time in our nation's history and in the historic city of Birmingham, Alabama. Birmingham is one of the most significant cities in the civil rights movement.

The Title I Family joins the nation in commemorating the 40 year anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tn. The conference will provide the Title I family an opportunity to re-examine the life of Dr. King and recommit ourselves to the principles that he stood for.

The conference promises to be one of the most meaningful in our 35 year history. Some of the tentative planned highlights will include the following:

- Tribute to the founder's of the National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents;
- In-depth examination of the status of the ESEA Title I reauthorization;
- Partnership initiative--National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Title I parent outreach;
- South Carolina State University Project EXPORT--creating a healthy lifestyle;
- Education as a civil rights discussion series;
- Tours of the Birmingham Civil Rights District and Civil Rights Museum;
- The National Council on the Education of Black Children (NCEBC) - Building A Movement on Behalf of Black Boys.

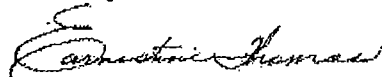
A major highlight of the 35th anniversary will be a "Recommitment of Ourselves to the Struggle for Quality Education" initiative.

The Coalition has reached out to the U.S. Department of Education, federal, national, state and local organizations that will make the 35th anniversary a memorable conference and professional development opportunity for the entire Title I family.

We thank you for your support and dedication on behalf of Title I for 35 years.

Plan now to join us in Birmingham, Alabama—October 29 - November 2, 2008.

Sincerely,



Earnestine Thomas
Chairperson
Board of Directors

"KEEPING PARENT INVOLVEMENT ALIVE AT 35"

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Leadership Training/NCLB Title I Reauthorization Discussions
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome and Conference Orientation

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Inspiration
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Opens
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Civil Rights Tours/Health & Wellness Seminars
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Workshops/Panels
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	NCLB Reauthorization Panel
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Opening General Session Speaker:

Thursday, October 30, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Inspiration
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Open
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open/Health & Wellness Exhibits
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Workshops/Panels
4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Regional Meetings
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fun/Scholarship FundraiserII

Friday, October 31, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Inspiration
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Open
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Founder's Tribute – "Recommitment of Ourselves" Session
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Workshops/Panels
1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Workshops/Panels
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Life Member Recognition
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fun/Scholarship FundraiserII

Saturday, November 1, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Inspiration
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Workshops/Panels
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Healthy Lifestyles and Our Families
7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Annual Scholarship Banquet/ Awards and Dance

Sunday, November 2, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
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YES, I am interested in representing Guilford County Schools at the 2008 National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents Annual Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, October 29 – November 2, 2008. If selected to attend the conference, I will meet the expectations of the District upon my return.

Name: _____

School: _____

What do you hope to learn at the conference? _____

What ideas do you have about sharing the information you learn with other upon you return?

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