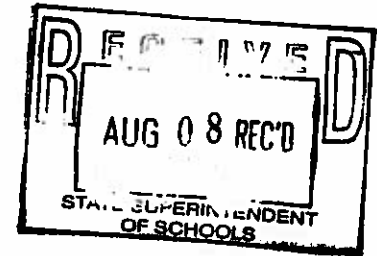




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Richard Woods  
State School Superintendent  
Georgia Department of Education  
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Superintendent Woods,

Thank you for your hard work in ensuring Georgia provides exceptional educational opportunities to students as we kick off the start of a new school year and fall semester.

In April 2015, I signed SB 132, which made changes to the state's dual enrollment program, termed "Move on When Ready." We have seen great strides in participation in dual enrollment throughout Georgia. The number of students served in the state's dual enrollment program has more than doubled since FY 2015.

Although participation in Georgia's dual enrollment program has grown exponentially, many families remain unfamiliar with how to get their children involved in the program. Based on conversations with parents, high school students, and college students, we understand that the program may be misunderstood.

To ensure students are utilizing the program appropriately and simplify people's understanding of and navigation through the state's program, the state is changing the program name from "Move on When Ready" to "Dual Enrollment." This change will make it clear to parents and students the opportunities this program affords and will benefit the state in helping to further increase participation in the program moving forward. While the program name will change moving forward, it is not necessary to discontinue using any promotional or explanatory materials that still reference the "Move on When Ready" program. Schools should continue to use existing promotional materials and resources this school year, however, when needing to purchase new materials, please incorporate the new program name and rebranding. Additionally, we ask that schools consider a variety of approaches beyond promotional materials to further educate students and families on the benefits and advanced educational opportunities of Georgia's Dual Enrollment program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".  
Nathan Deal