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**SUBJECT:** Our positions on **THE CROSS-CURRICULUM / INTERDISCIPLINARY MATH-HISTORY HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT IN GWINNETT COUNTY, GA** i.e. Beaver Ridge Elementary School, Norcross GA.

**What you should know:**

Georgia Department of Education uses The Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) to identify what should be taught in grades K-12 in each subject.

Every teacher in Georgia is aware of the Georgia Performance Standards as the curricula for teaching and it is 'the instrument' for lesson design. GPS must be referred to in a teacher's lesson plans, unit plans, objectives, essential questions, agenda, etc.

In addition, teachers' tasks and assignments must reflect their alignment with GPS.

**What we have concluded:**

The National Parent Education Center has found that the math component of the assignment is in alignment with GPS.

The National Parent Education Center has not found the history/social studies component of the Math-History homework assignment, which reference slavery, aligning with any history / social studies component of *GPS*.

Therefore, unless the teachers who created and disseminated the assignment can show how the Math-History homework assignment is in alignment with the History curricula of the Georgia Performance Standards the assignment cannot be deemed a Cross-Curricula / Interdisciplinary assignment.

In addition, real-life experiences/scenarios as teaching tools are not applicable in this situation because the enslavement of Blacks in America does not currently exist and was abolished under the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment.

**Because teachers are required to teach GPS, they should be indemnified when teaching the curricula if and when adversity results. On the contrary, when teachers do not teach GPS they should be held accountable if and when adversity results.**

**Additional Reading Material:**

- a) [GPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade](#)
- b) [GPS K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade](#)

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