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## NEWS RELEASE

### FAFSA Completion Pilot Project Kick-Off



**(Columbus, GA)**-Need cash for college? Get started by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The Muscofee County School District is one of 20 educational organizations in the United States and the only district in Georgia participating in the FAFSA Completion Pilot Project. The goal is to help educate more parents and students on how to complete the FAFSA application to qualify for money to help pay for college. As a FAFSA Completion Pilot Project participant, high school counselors in the Muscofee County School District will be able to track the number of students who successfully complete the FAFSA. Another benefit is the flag feature, which alerts high school counselors of non-completed applications and the specific reason why a student's application is incomplete. After receiving this alert, the counselor can notify the parent and child to address what is needed to complete the application, and help encourage more students to seek a college degree.

Join us for the *Cash for College* FAFSA Completion Pilot Project Kick-Off on Monday, February 7, 2011, at the Columbus Public Library, 3000 Macon Road, 5:00 p.m. - 7: 00 p.m. Parents, students, teachers, media, and community organizations are invited to the community information and education session. Financial Aid representatives from area high schools, colleges, and universities will explain what the FAFSA is, why students and parents should complete the form, how to access the application,

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determine the information needed to complete the application, and discuss the importance of meeting the application deadline.

Plus, high school juniors, seniors, and parents are invited to attend the hands-on *Cash for College* FAFSA completion session on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Rigdon Road Elementary Computer Lab, 1320 Rigdon Road. Participants will get step-by-step assistance to complete the form on-line. Make plans to attend now by applying for a PIN number at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) . You will also need an active e-mail account. Seats are limited, so be on time to register at 5:00 p.m.

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