**Memorandum**

**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, Counselors, and 2019-2020 Governor’s Scholars Coordinators

**FROM:** Aris Cedeño, Executive Director

**RE:** Governor’s Scholars Program Professional Development Application & Selection Training

**DATE:** April 26, 2019

The Governor’s Scholars Program (GSP) is grateful to count on the outstanding service high school Guidance Counselors and GSP Coordinators continue to provide to the talented students who have become Governor’s Scholars and have experienced the extraordinary community of learners and leaders on the GSP campuses since the Program’s inception in 1983. All of us associated with the GSP recognize the pivotal role you play in raising awareness about the Program, assisting students as they complete their applications, and coordinating the GSP selection process at your level.

As in the past, in recognition of all that you do for the Governor’s Scholars Program, we would like to offer you a valuable professional development opportunity at no cost to you. We will be hosting special training sessions to equip you with information that you need to help your juniors compile their best possible GSP applications. These workshops will take place on each of the three GSP campuses as follows:

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| **Campus** | **Location** | **Date and Time** |
| GSP-Morehead State University | Morehead | Tuesday, July 9th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT  |
| GSP-Bellarmine University | Louisville | Wednesday, July 10th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT |
| GSP-Centre College | Danville | Thursday, July 11th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT |

During each session, you will have the opportunity to get the best advice and strategies for your students from GSP staff who work directly with the GSP application process and the evaluations of applications at the statewide level. In addition to offering detailed instructions and examples related to each section of the application, GSP staff will answer questions related to student recruitment, selection at the school and district levels, the statewide selection process, campus and focus area assignments, and the GSP experience as a whole. **In short, the purpose of this professional development opportunity is to ensure that your high school(s) will be as well-represented as possible in the 2020 Governor’s Scholars Program.** Also, EILA hours will be offered to all of those in attendance.

Each session will begin at 2:00 p.m. local time and will conclude no later than 4:00 p.m. In addition to the Application and Selection Training, you will have the opportunity to enjoy light refreshments. Depending on their class schedule and activities, you may even get to mingle with any student(s) from your high school(s) who are participating in the Program on that campus. Detailed agendas, driving directions, and other information for attendees will be posted on the GSP website, [gsp.ky.gov](file://noah2/gsp/Counselor%20Day/2015/gsp.ky.gov), towards the end of June.

**Please return the enclosed RSVP form by Friday, June 7th, to register for a training session**. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Leona Deleon in the GSP-Frankfort Office at 502-573-1618, leona.deleon@gspky.org, or via the GSP website (gsp.ky.gov).

We sincerely hope to see you on one of the GSP campuses this summer!