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Baton Rouge Parent University Presents Closing The Gap Workshop

Baton Rouge, LA – At the end of the month, **Parent University, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, the YWCA Center for Family Empowerment** and several community partners will present **Closing the Achievement Gap, a community workshop for parents, students and educators**. This informative event will be held **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, January 31, at Kenilworth Middle School, 7600 Boone Dr.**

The focus of the workshop is high-stakes testing preparation and test-taking strategies for students. **Break-out sessions for parents and students include:**

- Information about the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) and Graduate Exit Exam (GEE)
- Educational Rights of Children with Exceptionalities
- Understanding Your Child's Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Free childcare, food and beverages will be provided at the workshop, which is **free and open to the public**. Vendor space is available for \$15 per site.

Baton Rouge Parent University is a program designed to empower families to break the cycle of poverty and under-education by weaving family literacy and school/community engagement into a seamless stream. It provides a series of high-quality classes and seminars designed to empower parents and families to help support learning for children at home, at school and in life. This initiative is a partnership of the YWCA Center for Family Empowerment, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, and a growing number of community partners and is partially funded by the Louisiana Department of Social Services TANF Community Response Initiative.

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