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**DESKTOPICKS...****School Relations Tip #8**

[Georgia's Graduation Rate](#) - Good news from the Georgia Department of Education. According to the newly released Adequate Yearly Progress report, Georgia's graduation rate has jumped to over 75 percent, the highest level ever. The state's final graduation rate for 2008 is 75.4 percent, an increase of more than three points from last year.

Continue to partner with your school administration to offer programs and resources to students which help make school relevant and graduation a reachable goal. As a result of an initiative championed by Governor Perdue in 2006, many high schools have on staff a *graduation coach*. These individuals are charged with identifying and recruiting concerned adults, organizations and government agencies to serve in a variety of ways to help keep students engaged and on track academically. These coaches would welcome the assistance of a University of Georgia Cooperative Extension faculty member. Step up and lend a hand.

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