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Dear Educator,

The Sally Borden Program at Friends Academy is excited to announce that we are sponsoring an **Orton-Gillingham Institute** which provides **training courses** for educators and parents. There are two program options: a 30-hour training at a **Classroom Educator level** and a 60-hour training which prepares its participants for the **Associate level** at the **Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators** (ortonacademy.org). Dawn Nieman, a Fellow at the Academy and an experienced Orton-Gillingham teacher, will provide these courses during six/eight sessions this summer and fall.

Dates for the Orton-Gillingham Associates Training will be:

- Monday, August 12th - Saturday, August 17th, 2019 (8am-4pm) (Classroom Educator/Associate)
- Saturday, October 5th & Sunday, October 6th, 2019 (8am-4pm) (Associate)

During this training, participants will learn about dyslexia and reading difficulties as well as the following fundamental elements of the Orton-Gillingham approach:

- Introduction to phonology
- Basic phonics
- Morphology and words derived from Anglo-Saxon, Latin, and Greek
- Strategies for multi-sensory instruction
- Formal and informal testing and how to use that information for tutorials
- Orton-Gillingham lesson planning
- Writing and grammar skills
- Handwriting instruction
- Mock tutoring session

Once participants have successfully completed the course, they may then begin working on a practicum. This practicum will take place throughout the school year and prepare trainees to apply to the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators.

The cost for this intensive 60-hour Orton-Gillingham course is \$1,500.00. The 30-hour course is \$1,000.00. If you are interested in participating in these trainings, please fill out the enclosed form and send it to the address below. Space is limited. If you have any questions, please email at the address below. If you would like to speak on the phone, you may call the number below. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Kindest regards,

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