

# CONCURRENT SESSION SYNOPSIS:

## DON'T LIKE THE VIEW? CHANGE YOUR SCENERY! (1)

Join Grace Strahan (Synergetics) for an interactive and informative session on ways to bridge the gap between virtual and augmented reality. With simple apps and classroom tools, teachers can take real life experiences and bring them to new life. This session is designed to inspire teachers from all age levels. Come play along with us and change your classroom learning environment.

## CITIZENS RESPONDING TO ACTIVE SHOOTERS EVENTS (C.R.A.S.E.) (2)

In this presentation Simpson County Sheriff Deputy Clay McPherson will highlight how to respond to an Active shooter in a School setting and other public/private places. The objectives are to make students and teachers aware of how they can survive an active shooter event if they act quickly. As well as, how to act quickly and follow the Avoid Deny Defend (ADD) program developed by Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERTT), the organization that trains all Law Enforcement Officers.

## INVESTIGATING EDUCATOR MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS (2)

James Thompson, Interim Director of Educator Misconduct, will provide an overview of best practices on how to conduct an investigation of unethical behavior. The goal is to assist districts in conducting educator misconduct investigation and reporting infractions in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §37-3-2.

## OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION UPDATES (1)

Join Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director of Accreditation to hear updates from the MDE Office of Accreditation. Goals are to update local school districts on matters pertaining to the accreditation of school districts.

## ALGEBRA NATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR MISSISSIPPI (CS4MS) INITIATIVES (2)

Dr. Marla Davis, Director of Secondary Education, will provide information regarding the high school Algebra Nation program. This program is meant to enhance student achievement and conceptual understanding in Algebra I and give an update on the CS4MS initiatives. The goal of this session is to provide school district leaders and building level administrators with the information needed to pilot the Algebra Nation program in their districts in the 2018-19 school year. This session will also include details and updates about the CS4MS programs across the state.

## GOT GAME? SMART SOFTWARE MAKES BYOD KID PLAY! (1)

Grace Strahan (Synergetics) and Christy Rogers (SMART Technologies) – using SMART Software, students can connect any device for collaborative learning over a Wi-Fi connection. From interactive games to collaborative lessons, students are engaged throughout learning with any device. You will learn how simple it is to take learning objectives and make them technology ready with SMART's Suite of learning tools. This session will show participants how SMART Software gaming tools can engage students during instruction.

## MS DEFERRED COMPENSATION (MDC) (1)

The Team from MDC will share information about what to expect in retirement, benefits of enrolling in MDS, and benefits of staying in MDC. The goal of this session is to make all state employees, municipal employees, and government contractors aware of this great retirement program.

## USING DATA WALLS TO FACILITATE INSTRUCTION (2)

Join MDE's Literacy Coach, LeighAnn Cheeseman and learn a variety of ways to display and interpret data to better assist in determining how to support students based on their needs. The goals of this session are: Understand the purpose and impact of data walls; Practice using data cards for instructional decision making; and Review different types of data walls and data displays.

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## SESSION 1: A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR MAKES THE MEDICINE GO DOWN (1)

## SESSION 2: GOING GOOGLE WITH DIGITAL NOTEBOOKS (1)

Join Debbie Martin (Librarian/Media Specialist, Florence Middle School) as she shows how the creative use of technology can engage the digital learner. Learn how to use these examples to teach content along with life skills essential in today's world. Most importantly, use these sessions to help students become active creators instead of passive consumers. The goal of these sessions is to show you how to teach students to use Google Drive to create, communicate, and publish original work that aligns with content area standards.

## DATA-DRIVEN COACHING (2)

Sharon Kim (Director of Professional Development, Amplify) shows how Amplify currently partners with various district and school leaders throughout the district to realize transformative outcomes for students. A key lever in realizing these outcomes is data-driven coaching tools, structures, and practices. During this session, we will share what several of our highest leverage tools, structure, and practices have looked like. Goals: Share examples of data-driven tools to support teachers' ability to respond to data; Identify key actions to implement effective coaching structures and practices; and Create an action plan to integrate effective coaching structures and practices at site.

## SCHOOL CYBER SECURITY AUDITS (2)

The Mississippi State Auditor's office will share what they found and what you should know moving forward. The Performance Audit Division's 2016-2017 school audits focused on federal and state laws and regulations governing students, student data protection, and their use of publicly-owned portable devices. This session will provide a framework for school districts moving forward to better protect minor children under their direction and supervision, especially as it relates to their personal information and their use of school devices.

## USING DATA TO IMPROVE ACT AND AP PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS (2)

Dana Bullard (Director of Innovative Schools and Special Programs, MDE) will focus on recommended course sequencing for best preparing students for the ACT and for giving them the background necessary for successful learning experiences in AP classes. We will also discuss the use of PSAT data and other early testing indicators to assist in identifying students for participation in AP course work. The goal of this session is to recommend ways for school districts to increase participation and diversity in accelerated courses.

## USING TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE THE LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSROOM (UPPER ELEM) (2)

Join Literacy Coach Valerie Gilbert (MDE) as she demonstrates several instructional activities that incorporate technology into the classroom in a way that increases student motivation and engagement. A variety of apps and web-based tools will be demonstrated. Participants will gain ideas on ways to utilize current classroom technology to increase student motivation and engagement in the Language Arts classroom.

## CLASSCRAFT: BRINGING TECHNOLOGY INTO CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT (2)

Julie Ingram (Teacher, Florence Middle School, RCSD) will teach participants how to use a free online, educational role-playing game designed to increase positive behaviors while discouraging negative behaviors. Strategies on how to effectively use this tool will also be discussed. The goal is to give teachers strategies and a resource for effective classroom management.

## ALL EXPENSES PAID TOUR OF GERMANY? YES, PLEASE! (2)

Julie Ingram (Teacher, Florence Middle School, RCSD) will discuss the Transatlantic Outreach Program. This program provides educators the opportunity to learn about STEM initiatives in Germany. Participants are responsible for passport fees and only a few meals. All other expenses are paid! The goal of this session is to introduce educators to this great opportunity to develop dialogue with teachers in Germany about issues in STEM related topics.

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## MISSISSIPPI LICENSURE GUIDELINES §37-3-2 (1)

This session will be presented by Dr. Cory Murphy (Office of Educator Licensure, MDE). He will assist all Mississippi public school educators and prospective educators in obtaining and maintaining standard certification and licensure, as well as, implementing the license guidelines set by the Certification Commission and State Board of Education. Participants will gain knowledge in meeting requirements outlined in Mississippi Licensure Guidelines K-12.

## TOOLS TO TECHIFY YOUR CLASSROOM (2)

Does your classroom need an update? Melissa Banks (Instructional Technology Specialist, MDE) will help you learn about free and easy-to-use apps and websites that can techify your classroom and transform the way you teach. From assessment tools to student creation tools, you will explore must-have technology tools for today's classroom. Bring your laptop or tablet and join the fun! The goal of this session is to introduce free technology tools that can enhance classroom instruction.

## ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY COMBINED SESSION (2)

### DRIVING INSTRUCTION WITH MAP – YEAR 2

Walt Drane (Executive Director of Assessment and Accountability, MDE) will provide participants with an overview of year one and year two statewide map assessment data, as well as, bring awareness of the multiple indicators found within the statewide accountability system. The goal is to provide participants with knowledge of the amount of student, school, and district performance needed on map assessment to show gains in their accountability score.

### UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING DISTRICT AND SCHOOL-LEVEL ACCOUNTABILITY DATA

In this session, Alan Burrow (Director, Accountability, MDE) will provide participants with an overview of how to understand and interpret school and district accountability data. The goal is to provide participants with an overview of how to interpret their accountability data.

## THE PARALLEL BETWEEN THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AND THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR (2)

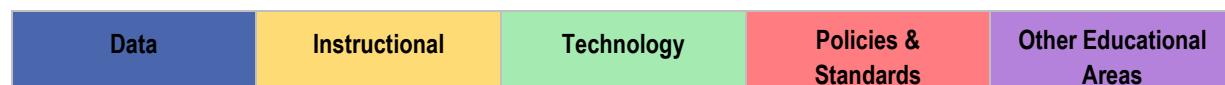
Join Bill Welch (Director, Safe & Orderly Schools, MDE) and Chad Callendar (School Safety Administrator, MDE) for a discussion around the role of the administrator and SRO in the school setting. The goal is to educate the school administrator/teacher on the job responsibilities/functions of the SRO.

## NAVIGATING THROUGH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY (3)

In this session, Melissa May (Director, Career & Technical, MDE) will describe CTE funding and new federal reporting requirements. Topics will include required CTE data elements in MSIS that ensure accurate CTE/MAEP salary reimbursements to districts, state/local performance measures, new district summary reports, and new/revised CTE curricula for SY2017-18. The goal of this session is to ensure that all school district personnel that have a role in CTE funding, data, and personnel management have a general understanding of CTE and how small errors can result in significant funding reductions and discrepancies in state/federal reporting.

## MKAS<sub>2</sub> UPDATES (2)

Jennifer Robinson (MKAS<sub>2</sub> Program Coordinator, MDE) will highlight the three components of the MKAS<sub>2</sub> assessment model. Components include Universal Screening, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, Third-Grade Reading Summative Assessment, and the Third-Grade Reading Summative Assessment Alternate. The goal is that attendees will gain an understanding of the three components of the MKAS<sub>2</sub> assessment.



## OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATES (2)

The Office of School Improvement will provide participants with updates regarding supports for schools identified as At-Risk, Priority, Focus and School Improvement Grant Schools (SIG). Informational updates will allow schools and districts an opportunity to engage in conversations that will help to inform school improvement efforts. Updates will include ESSA information, as well as, other areas pertinent to school improvement. The goal of this session is for school and district staff to gain insight on school support provided by the Office of School Improvement.

## MSIS DATA FOR GIFTED PROGRAMS (2)

Jen Cornett (Gifted Education Specialist, MDE) will guide you through basic regulations and standards for gifted programming as it relates to scheduling and data entry, along with how this information impacts each district's gifted teacher-unit funding. The goal is to have participants leave the session with the ability to correctly identify gifted students and teachers within MSIS so that gifted teacher-unit estimations can be maximized.

## USING WEB 2.0 TOOLS TO FACILITATE LEARNING (2)

In this session, Stacey Donaldson (Director of Professional Development, MDE) will help you prepare students for the ever-changing expectations of college and career, learning must go beyond just sharing content knowledge and task specific skills. This session will show how proper use of technology prepares students for tomorrow's professional practice. The goal is for attendees to gain an understanding of proper use of technology to facilitate learning.

## INDICATORS: THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND SPECIAL EDUCATION (2)

Join Sharon Strong Coon (Director of Professional Development, MDE) and Devin Boone (Professional Development Coordinator, MDE) for a presentation that will highlight the importance of indicator data, and how the data greatly influences the resources and services that are available for school districts to provide for students with disabilities across the great state of Mississippi. Furthermore, this session will stress the importance of school districts submitting their data correctly, accurately, and in a timely manner. Plus, participants will benefit from learning some tips to maintain an efficient and up-to-date data tracking system. The goal is to tell you how to collect indicator data, and how to use indicator data to drive services.

## SCHOOLGY VS. GOOGLE CLASSROOM: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY (1)

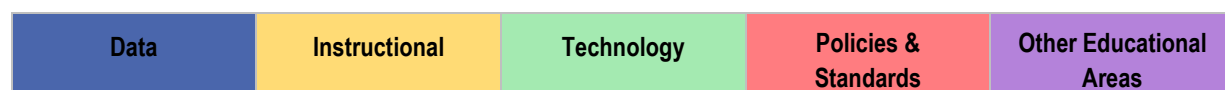
Are you new to the 1:1 environment? Are you wondering how to organize, develop, and facilitate online instruction? Desshondra Walker (Teacher, Hattiesburg High School) will give you a comparison of Schoology and Google Classroom. The goal is to compare and contrast these tools in a 1:1 classroom setting.

## EDUCATORS ON THE FRONTLINE: INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES ACROSS SCHOOL SETTINGS (2)

This session will be presented by Dr. Pallascene Bright Cole (Education Consultant, Magnolia Training Institute) and Panelists (Letina Guice, Robin Horton, Tiwari Goins, JJ Jackson, and Shirley Sanders). Testimonies of Mississippi school teachers and leaders on effectively utilizing/integrating various technologies in the classroom and school setting. Some emerging issues, innovations, needs, and problems in implementation will be discussed. The goals are to share strategies in preparing students for performance based assessments; how blended learning can motivate students to succeed in complex learning environments; and a review of emerging needs in adaptive learning environments.

## GOING DIGITAL AND PERSONALIZING LEARNING (1)

Join Dr. Philip W.V. Hickman (Superintendent, Columbus Municipal School District) to learn how you can go *digital*. The goal of this session is to help districts learn how to go *digital*.



## PREPPING FOR DECEMBER 1 ALL YEAR LONG (2)

Wendy Rogers (Office of Special Education, MDE) and Cindy Taylor (Office of Special Education, MDE) want to share tips on how to prep for December 1. The December 1 child count for students in special education is a vital data collection point for students in special education. This data determines funding for both IDEA and teacher units each year. Keeping data up-to-date and accurate all year long makes this process much easier. Come hear tips on how to prep for December 1 all year long. The goals are for: participants to learn key data points collected during Child Count; participants to learn what steps are needed to keep data accurate; and participants to develop a schedule for maintaining accurate data all year long.

## USING GOOGLE CLASSROOM AS A COLLABORATIVE TOOL IN SCIENCE AND BEYOND (2)

Join Tiffany Jones-Fisher (Instructor/Science Education Consultant, MS Gulf Coast Community College) as she discusses how Google Classroom can be used to enhance a traditional and distance learning atmosphere, particularly in science. Budget constraints prevent traditional labs, so this session will focus on how to incorporate "lab experiences" using Google technology. The goal is to help educators become more comfortable with using Google classroom as a learning and collaborative tool.

## MISSISSIPPI EARLY WARNING SYSTEM GUIDANCE DOCUMENT: PROMOTING K-12 SUCCESS (2)

This session is designed to assist schools and districts with identifying the critical components of an Early Warning System (EWS) to ensure that at risk students are identified, supported, and monitored as early as possible. This session will be presented by: Robin Lemonis (Director, Student Intervention Services, MDE), Dr. Kymyona Burk (Literacy Director, MDE), and Dr. Tenette Smith (Director, Elementary Education and Reading, MDE).

## SCHOOL BASED ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING (SBAC) (2)

In this session, Louis King (Director, Office of Healthy Schools) will cover the programmatic responsibilities of the SBAC program. The importance of maintaining school district profiles and best practices. Updates: Entering payroll data in the SBAC database, completing the new discrepancy report, correcting data entry errors, deadlines, and the new auditing format. The goal of this session is to make sure the components of the SBAC program are understood and ensure all the SBAC Coordinators, SBAC Participants, and Business Managers are meeting deadlines.

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORTING (2)

Join the Office of Federal Programs for this session about ensuring the timely and accurate submission of data for the following federal programs: Homeless Education, Neglected and Delinquent, Migrant Education, English Learners and Immigrant Students and the importance of reporting that data.

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL SERVICES/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (2)

The Office of School Financial Services will present current information on the programs administered by their office; and offer up-to-date information on any items that may come out of the legislative process which will affect the financial operations of school districts. The goals are to keep district employees informed of processes and requirements necessary for the financial success of the school district.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD – KINDERGARTEN PRIOR YEAR DATA (2)

In this session, Jill Dent (Director, Office of Early Childhood, MDE) will center around gathering and entering the pre-k setting. The goal is for attendees to gain accurate and complete data requested from districts.

## E-RATE UPDATE (2)

Join Lee Bray (State E-Rate Coordinator, MDE) and Gary Rawson (State E-Rate Coordinator, ITS) as they provide E-Rate information on the status of the program and the upcoming year application process. The goal is to provide district technology coordinators and E-Rate coordinators with an update of the program.

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## OFFICE OF SECONDARY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (2)

The office of Secondary Education will focus on the Secondary Course Catalogue and how to properly use this resource for scheduling students. This session will also look at the requirements for reporting assessment options, graduation diploma options, and how to identify courses that are approved for on-line learning. The application process for on-line learning will also be discussed. Endorsement codes for teaching classes like Advanced Placement, Project Lead the Way, and SREB Math and literacy will be included in this presentation. The goal of this session will be to help districts in reporting requirements and how to use the different tools for making sure the district is using correct course codes.

## TIMS DATABASE UPDATES (2)

Chauncey Spears (MDE) and Lakisha Kendrick (MDE) will present additions to the reporting requirements for textbook inventory in TIMS. Including security user updates and procedures for updating the active listing, transferring textbooks to surplus and disposal listings, and migrating inventories from closed to newly consolidated districts. The goal is to build capacity in districts to utilize TIMS more efficiently.

## WIFI BEST PRACTICES (1)

In this session, Josh Howe (Sr. Network Specialist, MDE) will cover some of the fundamental dos and don'ts when it comes to deploying and managing Wi-Fi in a school setting. The goal is to help districts better identify and eliminate common Wi-Fi problems.

## THE HOMEWORK GAP: WHAT IT MEANS IN MISSISSIPPI AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT (1)

The Homework Gap has been called "the cruelest part of our digital device." Some feel it's the educational poverty issue of this decade. While it's become the trendiest tech buzzword, very few strategies are discussed to address it. Join Kameron Ball (Sr. Manager of Education and Government, C Spire) for a look at the facts, how it impacts our state, and what we can implement to address it. The goals of this session are to understand the digital divide, share ideas to address the impact of the Homework Gap in Mississippi, and examine forward thinking technology to mitigate the challenges it poses.

## INNOVATE TO EDUCATE: PANEL DISCUSSION FROM THE FIELD (1)

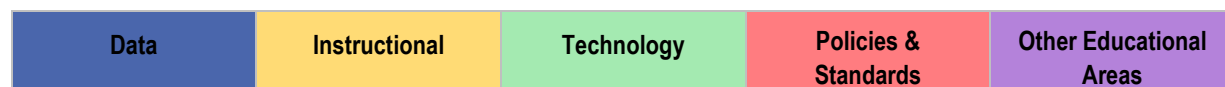
Join Kameron Ball (Sr. Manager of Education and Government, C Spire) to hear from the trenches how Mississippi administrators and technology coordinators are currently disrupting "this is how we've always done things" mentality to create exciting and innovative learning environments powered by technology. The goals of this session are: celebrate the success of MS schools; share ideas to technology integration and innovation; and introduce participants to strategies that will engage students and inspire teachers.

## SECURITY AUDITS: WHAT SCHOOLS NEED TO KNOW (2)

In this session, Trent Townsend (CEO, Next Step Innovation) will tell you what you need to know about school audits. With no mandate for school districts to have information security audits performed, school districts are falling behind and falling victim to malicious users, advanced threats and mischievous students. We will discuss what basic steps you can perform, what to look for in a 3<sup>rd</sup>-party security audit, and how to train district personnel to identify risks. The goals of this sessions are: to help district administrators recognize there are problems; take basic steps towards making their systems/networks more secure; and to help them understand what they need to look for in an audit.

## UNIFIED CLASSROOM – HOW IT AFFECTS INSTRUCTION AND PERFORMANCE (2)

Join Sharon Tompkins (MSIS Data Admin., Clinton Public Schools) as she describes how using data can aid teachers in personalizing instruction to the means of improving student performance. The goal of this session is to point out the importance of the data, and how it can be pulled and used to improve student growth.





### WHAT'S NEW WITH SAM SPECTRA (2)

Join Chris Jennings with Central Access Corp., to discuss some new and exciting things in SAM SPECTRA. We will cover the NEW District Integrator, the NEW Early Warning System, and the NEW Skills Based Grading. The goal is to update and inform all SAM SPECTRA users of the latest and greatest features and functions.

### INFORMATION NOW –CHALKABLE (1)

Learn the basic set up and data entry required by the local schools as well as the steps necessary to produce reports for the state. See what's planned in upcoming releases for InformationNOW. Come prepared with questions for Chalkable support or just sit in and listen. You will definitely learn something new!

### SECURITY ISN'T COMPLEX: IT'S REALLY SIMPLE (1)

In this session, Cooper Howell (Sales Director, Thycotic Software LLC) will discuss the importance of security. While multiple layers of security are important, the largest difference you can make in protecting your organization is securing passwords and controlling access to sensitive data. The greatest security in the world means nothing if you don't lock the back door. Start with these 3 simple steps to mitigate the risks of a data breach. The goal of this session is to educate the audience on the largest targets of modern day hackers and walk through simple methods to discovering unknown and unprotected accounts, then turning them into secured and locked down accounts to drastically slow down/thwart malicious access.

### MAKING IN EDUCATION: ACTIVITIES AND INSIGHTS (1)

Making in Education is an exciting new trend in education. In this presentation, Teresa Sappington (Teacher, Lamar County Technical Center, LCSD) will help educators learn about the Maker Movement and how it can be incorporated into classrooms and schools. Three examples of Maker activities will be presented: a cardboard pinball machine, paper circuits, and 3D printing in the classroom. The goals of this session are: familiarize educators with the Maker Movement and its effect on education, and give educators example Maker activities to get them started.

### INCREASING ACCESS TO SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MS STUDENTS: A JOHNSON AND JOHNSON SCHOOL HEALTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT (2)

Join Estelle Watts (State School Nurse Consultant, MDE) to learn about health services for Mississippi students. There is insufficient student access to health services in the school setting and is a critical reason for student absences and early dismissals. School nurses bridge this gap by providing essential health services. The attendees will learn the critical impact of a full-time Registered Nurse on health and academic outcomes discovered through a cost benefit analysis. The goals of this session are: understand the impact of a full-time nurse on student outcomes; stakeholders in school health will better understand the school nurse role; and increase confidence in advocating for stronger school health services.

### UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING EDUCATOR EQUITY DATA (2)

In this session, Dr. Vernesia Wilson (Director, Teacher Center, MDE) will provide participants with an overview of what types of data are available to schools and districts. Participants will also learn how to better utilize the data they have available including, but not limited to, educator equity and teacher retention (attrition) data. The goal of this session is to provide participants with an overview of how to interpret data related to teacher retention and educator equity in accordance to the ESSA legislation.

### MS VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS: GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE USE (2)

MDE Staff from the Office of Secondary Education will give a refresher course and updates to successfully and efficiently use MS Virtual Public Schools. The goal of this session is for districts to utilize MVPS more efficiently to ensure that more students graduate college and are career ready.

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### MSIS PRIMARY/SECONDARY (1)

Join Sarita Donaldson (Director, Core School Applications, MDE) and Dorothy Holloway (Sr. Programmer Analyst, MDE) as they cover the responsibilities associated within MSIS for the Primary and Secondary Role, importance of annual review, and accurate reporting of data. The goal of this session is to improve the accuracy and security of district and school level data as it pertains to MDE Policies, State, and Federal Laws.

### MS EDUCATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH SYSTEM (2)

The Mississippi Educator and Administrator Professional Growth System (PGS) is designed to improve teaching and learning by providing teachers and administrators with feedback to inform continuous improvement. In this session, Tarance Hart (Director, Educator Accountability, MDE) will provide an introduction and overview of the PGS. The goal of this session is to provide introduction and overview of the MS Educator and Administrator PGS.

### THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT: MISSISSIPPI ACHIEVES (3)

In this session, Nathan Oakley (Executive Director, Elementary Education & Reading, MDE) and Deborah Donovan (Director, Data Analysis & Reporting, MDE) will provide participants with an overview of Mississippi's response to the Every Student Succeeds Act. During this session, participants will examine specific components of our state plan, have an opportunity to provide feedback, and consider district and school implications for topics such as data reporting and accountability. The goals of this session are: Share Mississippi's ESSA plan with educators from across the state; Garner stakeholder feedback on the plan; and Encourage school and district leaders to consider implications of the plan.

### GRANT WRITING FOR EDTECH AND MORE (1)

Join Dr. Rita Oates in this 2-hrs session and learn where to look for grants and funding, secrets of a successful grant and what to do when you win one! Bring a dream you want to fund and work on it during this practical workshop session. You will develop your personal "grant-writing toolkit", items to use in multiple grant proposals, and get peer and leader feedback. The goals of this session are for participants to: Draft key pieces for multiple grants – building their "toolkit"; know where to look for grant information; and know key pitfalls and problems with grant proposals.

### BETTER GRADES. BETTER HEALTH. THAT'S WHAT MOVE TO LEARN IS ABOUT (2)

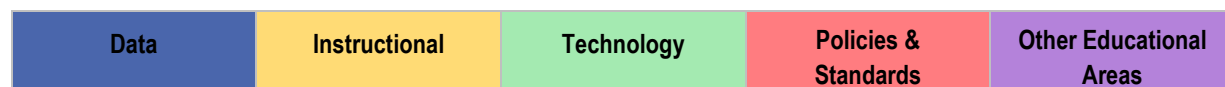
Join Larry Calhoun (Move to Learn Coach, MDE) for this fun, exciting session. Studies have shown that physical activity increases children's ability to learn, that's why *Move To Learn* incorporates movement into the classroom. The program is designed to be fun for students, improve learning, increase time on task and assist teachers with classroom management. The goal of this session is to provide classroom teachers and administrators with tools to: 1) Improve academic achievement, 2) Create positive learning environments, 3) Increase positive student engagement.

### KNOW YOUR BENEFITS (1)

Representatives from Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) will provide PERS members comprehensive information about benefits, and available benefit options, as well as information on the retirement process. The goal of this session is to educate attendees about the benefits and options available to them as members of PERS.

### MSIS PERSONNEL DATA ROLE (1)

In this session, Dorothy Holloway (Senior Programmer Analyst, MDE) will cover the responsibilities associated within the MSIS Personnel Data Role, importance of continuous review and accurate reporting of data. The goal of this session is to improve the accuracy of district and school personnel data as it pertains to MDE Policies, state and Federal Laws.





## MSIS STUDENT DATA (1)

In this session, Sarita Donaldson (Director, Core School Applications, MDE) will cover responsibilities associated within MSIS for the Student Data Role, importance of monthly review and accurate reporting of data. The goal of this session is to improve the accuracy and security of student data as it pertains to MDE Policies, State and Federal Laws.

## CANVAS (2)

Join us for two different sessions to learn more about Canvas. Session 1: Canvas Blending Basics – Join us in exploring Canvas' LMS and learn how to transform your classroom into a digital learning environment. Session 2: Tips & Tricks – Do you currently leverage Canvas in your classroom? Attend this session and learn how to maximize the Canvas experience for your students. The goals of these sessions are for attendees to walk away with a working knowledge of Canvas and immediately be able to incorporate Canvas in their classroom to support 1:1, blended and other digital learning goals.

## GRADUATION OPTIONS (2)

Join Jean Massey (Executive Director, Secondary Education, MDE) and Devin Boone (Professional Development Coordinator, MDE) as they discuss changes in graduation options, including endorsements and the Mississippi Occupational Diploma. The goal of this session is to share the latest changes in graduation options.

## UNDERSTANDING FERPA (4)

In this presentation, Ellen Campbell from the U.S. Department of Education will provide an overview of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the federal law that requires schools to protect the privacy of students' education records. While FERPA generally requires parental consent before schools can share information, there are exceptions to that general rule. Understanding FERPA empowers school officials. The goal of this session is to help school officials better understand the requirements under FERPA.

## DROPOUT COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (3)

Join Toni Kersh (Director, Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement, MDE) and receive updates regarding compulsory attendance. Also, receive information regarding how to unpack chronic absences. The goal of this session is for participants to become knowledgeable of chronic absenteeism and what can be done to reduce absences in their districts and/or schools.

## MISSISSIPPI EXEMPLAR UNITS: LESSONS (1)

Join Wendy Clemons (Director, Professional Development, MDE) to learn about the Exemplar Units: Lessons designed for ELA and Mathematics, grades Pre-kindergarten through High School. Participants will review unit components, learn how to implement the units, and brainstorm ideas for developing their own units. The goal is to review Unit Components so as to familiarize one-self with the units; learn how to best implement; and share ideas on writing/developing their own units.

## EFFECTIVE WI-FI NETWORK (2)

Effective Wi-Fi network design is essential for the success of any mobile learning environment. Join Shane Seal with Apple to discover best practices for designing a powerful Wi-Fi network that provides optimal coverage and capacity for personalized learning. Discuss the latest developments and trends in wireless LAN design and evaluation. Explore tools that allow you to review your current Wi-Fi design and plan its evolution. Hear about how to take advantage of the latest developments in 802.11 specifications. Learn how to design your Wi-Fi network around the technical services your students and faculty require. Understand how client devices interact with these services and your Wi-Fi design to provide optimal academic use. The goal is to leave the session with a better understanding of the tools you can use to design an ideal Wi-Fi network for your education environment.

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## READY & IREADY (1)

Join Andrea Shane from Curriculum Associates to learn about READY and iREADY. Let's look at all types of assessments and connect to instruction. We will look at different reports and discuss what would be next steps to make data driven decisions and instruction. We will work together to review teaching strategies to targeted instruction. The goals are: teachers will have a deeper understanding of how to use data to drive instruction; help educate the different ways to review reports and take action.

## MODERN COLLABORATION FOR THE CLASSROOM WITH MICROSOFT TEAMS (1)

Join Carlos Fernandez (Mobility Specialist, Microsoft) Microsoft Teams in Office 365 for Education fosters collaboration and encourages creativity –helping students learn best when they work together. Come and learn how you can create collaborate classrooms, connect in professional Learning Communities, and communicate with school staff all from single experience in Office 365 for Education. The goal of this session is to education K12 faculty, staff and administrators on the abilities and uses of the new Microsoft Teams application within an Education environment to improve communication and collaboration.

## QUESTAR (1)

Join Randy Langton (Questar) and Walt Drane (MDE) for this session about Innovating State Testing. We are laser focused on innovating the state testing experience for the benefit of educators and our ultimate customer, the children. During this session, we will share MDE and Questar's process and technology innovations and actively listen to feedback on our work. Bring your great ideas; we want to hear from you! The goal of this session is for participants to be actively engaged in the discussion, sharing their feedback and innovative ideas; participants will be aware that MDE and Questar are working *together*.

## STEM & EVERYONE CAN CODE (APPLE) (4)

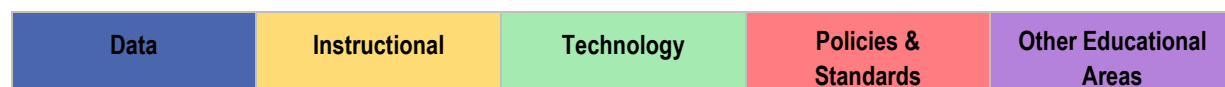
Join us to experience STEM learning activities for middle and high school grades. We will explore the use of devices, applications, and resources to create immersive learning environments where students can experience and apply STEM concepts and learn to code. The goals of this session are to explore the use of devices, applications, and resources to create environments where students can experience and apply STEM concepts.

## KNOW THE SIGNS (SANDY HOOK PROMISE) (2)

Join Paula Fynbon (National Field Director, Sandy Hook Promise) to hear more about SHP and our programs. Our focus is to prevent violence before it happens by educating, mobilizing youth and adults through mental health and wellness programs that identify, intervene, and help individuals at risk of hurting themselves or others. The goals of this session are to: 1) Understand that gun violence –and other forms of violence- are preventable; 2) Learn about SHP's no cost *Know the Signs* programs and how they prevent violence; and 3) How to access SHP programs and bring them to schools and youth organizations in your community.

## SECURITY: MORE THAN A FIREWALL (CISCO) (1)

Join Laddie Kelly (Systems Engineer, Cisco) to learn about the vast resources, experience, and passion around helping customers defend against cybersecurity threats. The goal is to educate you on different solutions and how they can keep kids from viewing inappropriate sites, protect them against malware attacks, and more.



### OFFICE 365 101: TRANSFORMING THE MODERN CLASSROOM (1)

Join Michael Brunetti (Director, Cloud Productivity, Microsoft) to learn about the modern Office 365 platform that transforms collaboration, communication and productivity in the classroom while providing industry leading infrastructure services all at no charge for education. Empower your faculty and prepare your students for college and career by utilizing the world's leading productivity solution. Discover how to achieve more with Office 365! The goal is to education K12 faculty, staff and administrators on the abilities and uses of the new Microsoft Office 365 for Education.

### WINDOWS 10: CREATE IN THE CLASSROOM (1)

Join Carlos Fernandez (Mobility Specialist, Microsoft) to learn about the all new set of educational tools and utilities inspired by teachers and students that are built into the Creators Update of Windows 10. Come join us and learn simple tricks around Windows 10 that can help you not only be more creative, but efficient in your day to day activities. The goal is to educate K12 faculty, staff and administrators on the abilities and uses of the new Microsoft Windows 10 Creators Update including education specific tools and features.

### NOT YOUR FATHER'S WINDOWS: MODERN MANAGEMENT FOR THE NEW WINDOWS (1)

Join Casey Hill (Windows Technical Specialist, Microsoft) to learn how modern management using InTune for Education makes deployment and management of Windows devices fast and super easy! In addition, find out what the "S" stands for in Windows 10 S, and why it will change the way you think about Windows. The goal is to education K12 faculty, staff and administrators on the abilities and uses of the new Microsoft InTune management platform along with Windows 10 S, an operating system specifically made for Education.

### CHROMEBOOK CONTENT AND YOUTUBE FILTERING (1)

Join Fred Zakarian (VP of Marketing, Blocks, LLC) to learn about educating IT Directors, Technology Coordinators on the challenges that 21<sup>st</sup> century digital classroom poses to IT Directors, teachers, and administrators and what technology is available to manage classrooms and make sure that the school remains CIPA compliant even when the devices go home. The goals are to show how to leverage cloud technologies to manage classes of 30+ students with connected devices to keep students on track and, at the same time, still be CIPA compliant when school-owned computers are brought home.

### CONNECTED SCHOOL BUS (1)

Join Virginia Temple (Account Manager, Cisco) to learn more. Extending student safety and the learning environment from the school campus to the school bus are the highest priorities for parents, district administrators and the community. An effective Smart School Bus solution does that and can accomplish much more. The goal of this session is to show attendees how a connected school bus solution is needed and wanted by administrators and parents.

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