



Event Guide

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CONCURRENT SESSION SYNOPSIS:

ACCESS FOR ALL GUIDE: TEACHING STRATEGIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Presented by MDE’s Teresa Laney from the Office of Exceptional Services. This session is designed to provide participants with an overview of the Access for All Guide. The AFA Guide includes classroom adaptations and teaching strategies for all struggling learners in the general education setting. The goal is to introduce the Access for All Guide to teachers and administrators as a tool for assisting struggling learners in the general education setting.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH IREADY AND READY

Presented by Andrea Shane with Curriculum Associates. We will provide an overview of evidence-based best instructional practices to support a blended approach to fill in the skills gaps as well as provide strategies for grade level instruction. We will share guidance for data chats and small group instruction for grades K-8. One key element of a successful implantation is embedding many levels of goal-oriented incentives. We will share ideas and resources that will motivate teachers in their reading and math classrooms. IREADY is not only a K-12 diagnostic, but provides student led and teacher led instruction. IREADY is an approved MDE K-3 screener. The goal is to share many ideas for educators to set their year up for success. We will provide an overview of important information with IREADY and READY.

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM: MORE THAN JUST TRUANCY

Presented by MDE’s Toni Kersh from the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement. The session will provide participants with information on what chronic absenteeism is and its impact of student performance. Participants will also be provided with possible solutions and strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism. The goal of the presentation is for participants to leave understanding the definition of chronic absenteeism, how to unpack chronic absenteeism data, and what to do once the data has be disaggregated.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION UPDATES & ALGEBRA NATION STATE IMPLEMENTATION

Presented by MDE’s Dr. Marla Davis from the Office of Secondary Education. During this session, participants will be provided with an overview of key initiatives from the Office of Secondary Education regarding curriculum, instructional supports, and the state’s implementation plan for SY 2019-20 regarding Algebra Nation. The goal is for attendees to learn more about several initiatives from the Office of Secondary Education relative to curriculum and instruction, academics, and professional development.

DATA DRIVEN COACHING (AMPLIFY)

Presented by Dr. Carolyn McGehee with Amplify. The Amplify data coach program supported one cohort of schools or 5 years and has now completed its first year of support with the second cohort of 7 schools. Data coaches work directly with teachers in PLCs, individual support meetings and classroom visits to increase student achievement. While the data analysis is part of the role of the Amplify coach, the purpose is to analyze data in order to plan effective instruction based on student needs and the rigor of the standards. The presentation shares the program goals and practices with others and explains the lessons learned, best practices used, and outcomes accomplished. The goal of our session is to have teachers and school leaders understand the use of data analysis and what structures can be used within any school to improve student achievement through collaborative efforts of the adults in the school.

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DATA ENTRY FOR DIPLOMA OPTIONS AND END OF COURSE EXAM RESULTS

Presented by Heather Morrison from MS Institutions of Higher Learning. Participants in this session will get a review of the different diploma options available for the upcoming year. There will also be a secondary education web page resources tutorial for up-to-date information, and instructions about how to enter the EOC exam option that students utilize to meet graduation requirements will be included. The goal is to clarify the process for MSIS clerks to enter data when students use EOC exam in-lieu of options, to share current resources for secondary counselors, clerks, and administrators, and to review the diploma options for the upcoming school year.

DATA ENTRY FOR DISTANCE LEARNING, BLENDED LEARNING, AND ONLINE COURSES

Presented by Heather Morrison from MS Institutions of Higher Learning. This session will highlight the differences in distance learning, blended learning and online courses, as well as instruct participants about how to enter the data into the system. Participants will learn about the changes in the Mississippi Virtual Public School program and the Mississippi Online Course Application process. Issues with the teacher of record for Dual Credit classes will also be reviewed. The goal is to clarify the process for MSIS clerks enter data when the teacher of record is not an employee of the district, and to inform district personnel about the per pupil allotment for online courses through MVPS.

DATA SNAPSHOT: A PICTURE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Presented by Deowarski McDonald from the Office of School Improvement Programs. The Office of School Improvement utilizes various data points to gain insight needed to make the best decisions regarding student outcomes. Data also allows us to be intentional with support provided to school leaders and teachers through coaches, professional learning, and other resources. In this session, participants will be guided through the process that is utilized when making decisions based on the collection of data from districts. The goal of this presentation is for participants to gain an understanding of the process that is utilized by the Office of School Improvement when making decisions based on the collection of data from districts.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP 101

Presented by Eva Harvell with Pascagoula-Gautier School District. You have a firm grasp of the content you teach, but do you have a firm grasp of what it takes to prepare students to become positive digital citizens? Join me as we discuss what digital citizenship is and what it looks like in the classroom and beyond. The learning objective for the presentation is to promote a deeper understanding of digital citizenship and ways to integrate the concept in the classroom and beyond.

DRC INSIGHT: VALUABLE DIGITAL RESOURCES

Presented by Arlene Baez with Data Recognition Corporation. This session will cover valuable resources found within the DRC INSIGHT portal and Digital Library. Participants will learn how to install and access these two resources, utilize Test Session & Student Status Dashboard filters, Reports, and MDE specific documents, among other resources that will assist them in data analysis and progress monitoring. Participants will acquire that skills and understanding to access DRC INSIGHT and successfully utilize all the resources available, which will promote successful testing, data reporting, and analysis.

E-RATE UPDATES

Presented by MDE's Lee Bray from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. This presentation will provide the latest information on the E-Rate program and with present status of this year's applications.

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ESCAPE THE CLASSROOM

Presented by MDE’s Elise Brown from the Office of Professional Development. In this session, participants will experience an academic escape room and learn how to create one for their class. An emphasis will be placed on ways an escape room can be used to teach students teamwork, perseverance, and problem-solving. Session Goals: 1.) develop an understanding of what an escape room is and how students can benefit from participating in one. 2.) participate in a sample escape room and debrief on the experience. 3.) receive tips on how to create their own academic escape room that promotes problem solving skills aligned by the MS CCRS.

EVERY LITTLE STEP I TAKE

Presented by Cynthia Williams with BLING -Believing Learning Inspires New Goals. We casually take steps through our buildings daily observing and monitoring teaching and learning. Intentional steps, toward improving the academic culture of the school. This session is intended to inform you on how you can make every step of your Learning Walks count. Participants will learn to shift their perspective from observing teaching to observing learning. They will gain knowledge and understanding of classroom practices, instruction and student learning experiences. Through collaboration and reflection, participants and stakeholders will develop a common language about teaching and learning. Participants will learn how to target Learning Walks so that they are purposeful, and data driven.

FREE PD OPPORTUNITIES WITH MDE

Presented by MDE’s Dr. Kristina Livingston from the Office of Teaching and Leading. This session will provide information on the updated Menu of Services and Online Course Catalog for Fall 2019. All supports and services shared are available free to districts. Participants will review the new opportunities for professional learning through the Office of Professional Development and determine how these sessions align with their current professional development plans.

GO DIGITAL, GO HEALTHY

Presented by Claude Courtney with ActiveHealth Management. This session will define Motivating Mississippi-Keys to Living Healthy as the State and School Employees’ Health Insurance Plan wellness and preventative program. ActiveHealth Management is the Plan’s health management vendor, during this session we will discuss the growing trend of technology to support health and wellness. Participants will learn how to use ActiveHealth Management digital tool and resources, available on the My ActiveHealth website and the new Mobile App. Discuss Motivating Mississippi-Keys to Healthy Living as the State and School Employees’ Health Insurance Plan’s wellness and preventative health program. Learn how to use digital resources and tools on the My ActiveHealth website. Learn about how to use the new ActiveHealth mobile app.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Presented by Ashlee Lucas with MS Bureau of Investigations (MBI). Sex Trafficking and Labor Trafficking will be defined. Indicators, types and case examples from MS will be presented. MS State initiatives addressing Human Trafficking will conclude the presentation. Awareness, reporting, intervention.

IMPROVING DATA QUALITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Presented by MDE’s Shelia Miller; Tiffany Jones; Wendy Hubbard and Mariea B. Jackson all the Office of Federal Programs. Data is collected and used by educators at every level. Some federal and state laws require data collection. Data is used to get policy and guide funding recommendations. Data Integrity is crucial to the

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collection and reporting of data. Data must maintain completeness, consistency and accuracy. To ensure that any data submitted for federal programs from the school and district level has been verified and is accurate.

IN JUST 20 MINUTES A DAY – FINDING WAYS TO GAIN MEANINGFUL PD

Presented by Eva Harvell with Pascagoula-Gautier School District. Brad Currie wrote a blog post in April 2015 about taking 20 minutes a day or 100 minutes a week for personal, professional growth. In the session, we will dive into his blog post and look at the different resources available to you to grow professionally. Teachers will gain knowledge and resources on how to grow personally and professionally.

INNOVATIVE DATA COLLECTION USING ONLINE FORMS

Presented by MDE’s Valerie Gilbert from the Office of Teaching and Leading. As an administrator, instructional coach, or supervisor, it is important to use quantitative data displays to support teachers and their ongoing growth and development. Join this session with your laptop and/or mobile device to learn how to create and use Online forms (surveys) to collect quantitative observation data. To learn how to create and use Online forms to collect quantitative observation data to improve instructional strategies

IT PROCUREMENT AND USING EXPRESS PRODUCTS LISTS (EPLS)

Presented by Renee Murray with MS Department of Information Technology Services (ITS). I will cover whatever you guys would like since this is at your request. I would anticipate an overview of the EPLs, and Cooperatives IT has published and how to use them.

JUST LIKE HANDS IN A GLOVE: MTSS AND IREADY

Presented by Kimberlee Alexander from Weddington Elementary School, Greenville Public School District. “Just Like Hands in a Glove: MTSS and IReady” will address how educators can utilize various components of IReady. In order to meet students’ academic needs in alignment with the MTSS process. Participants will learn how to utilize IReady data to identify students entering and going through the MTSS process, how to follow a step by step process of implementing the MTSS process, while infusing IReady components, and how to monitor progress and provide differentiated instruction (via IReady) for children as they show improvement or require further interventions. The goal of this session is to teach educators how to implement cohesive, practical strategies for MTSS and IReady that they can consistently employ in order to help students across the state of Mississippi make significant gains in achievement.

K-12 SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES AND MORE

Presented by MDE’s Chandra Walker from the Office of Counseling and Support Services. The MDE Office of Counseling and Support Services will provide school counselors with information relevant to their practice. The latest developments in graduation options, career and technical education, and college and career readiness will be presented. 1. Identify the requirements of graduation options and resources for students to meet those requirements. 2. Identify how the individual Success Plan is a key component in a Comprehensive School Counseling Plan.

LIFETRACKS: WHAT IS IT? HOW CAN I OBTAIN ACCESS?

Presented by Dr. Mike Taquino with National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (NSPARC) at MS State University. Demonstration and discussion of Life Tracks system. Learn how to obtain access to the system and what data is available. Ensure district personnel know how to obtain access and how the data can be used.

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LITERACY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Presented by MDE’s Ashley Kazery from the Office of Secondary Education. With the changing world around us, does your literacy instruction need a boost? During this session we will identify strategies to bring your literacy up to speed. Participants will practice with hands on skills and review digital literacy vs. digital citizenship. The goals are to 1) assess your current literacy practice, 2) understand digital literacy vs. digital citizenship, and 3) practice with the technology your students could be using for literacy instruction.

MAKING DIGITAL INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE

Presented by MDE’s Richard Scott from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. The ability to gain access to information is critical and having equal access to information is the law. This session will cover three main components: 1.) Explain in detail what Accessibility is and why it’s essential for all 2.) Provide an overview of the laws that govern Accessibility and offer suggestions to meet compliance and 3.) Explain how to check documents and websites for Accessibility violations and tips to make the corrections. This course is a must for any school or districts receiving federal funds and desiring to achieve Accessibility compliance. The objectives for the session are two-fold; 1.) is to increase the attendees’ knowledge of Accessibility and how it relates to the law, and 2.) to provide useful tips to aid school personnel in achieving Accessibility compliance.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MAC (BYOD)

Presented by MDE’s Richard Scott from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. The Making the Most of Your Mac is a session designed for: 1) those who are new to the Mac platform; and 2) those who have had Mac for a while but want to learn how to get more out of it. Choosing to use a Mac is more than merely using a Windows alternative; it’s a different approach to getting things done. Bring your own device and learn why Macs are special!

MANAGING YOUR NETWORK: FACTS AND FICTION

Presented by MDE’s Ciber Engineers Donnie Cummins and Glen Popiel. In this session, we will discuss current events such as DDOS, bandwidth upgrades, measuring bandwidth accurately, network security, how to deal with data breaches, creating an incident response plan, and other tips and techniques for improving your network.

MDE EDUCATOR PREPARATION UPDATES

Presented by MDE’s Debra Burson from the Office of Educator Preparation. In this session, we will provide an update on policies and practices of program review, and accreditation of Educator Preparation Providers. This will be an informative session about program requirements for educator preparation in Mississippi. Attendees will be provided an opportunity to share feedback regarding preparation of teachers and leaders.

MISSISSIPPI DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Presented by Shannon Anderson from MS Deferred Compensation. An explanation and review of the Mississippi Deferred Compensation plan and the benefits of it.

MISSISSIPPI PATHWAYS TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Presented by MDE’s Dr. Cory Murphy from the Office of Teaching and Leading. Representatives from the Division of Educator Licensure will provide an overview and important information regarding select Mississippi Educator Licensure Guidelines. Ensure accurate interpretation of current licensure guidelines for prospective and practicing teachers, administrators and instructional support personnel.

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MS SUCCEEDS REPORT CARD

Presented by MDE’s Deborah Donovan from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. Learn about the MS Succeeds Report Card, upcoming features, and provide input for the future of the website. Participants will learn about the data and features of the MS Succeeds Report Card and provide feedback on future enhancements.

MSIS DATA FOR GIFTED PROGRAMS

Presented by MDE’s Jen Cornett from the Office of Elementary Education. In this session, you will be guided 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. Participants will leave the session with the ability to correctly identify gifted students and teachers within MSIS so that gifted teacher-unit estimations can be maximized.

MSIS DISCIPLINE REPORTING

Presented by MDE’s Brooks Little from the Office of Safe and Orderly Schools. Overview of MSIS Discipline reporting with discussion about trends, issues and reporting methodologies. Educate new MSIS managers, inform about trends and other data, and reporting requirements.

MSIS PERSONNEL DATA ROLE

Presented by MDE’s Dorothy Holloway from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. This session will cover the responsibilities associated within MSIS Personnel Data Role, the importance of continuous review and accurate reporting of data. How to perform data quality checks to improve the accuracy of district and school personnel data as it pertains to MDE Policies, State and Federal Laws.

MSIS PRIMARY/SECONDARY

Presented by MDE’s Sarita Donaldson from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. This session will cover the responsibilities of the MSIS Primary and MSIS Secondary contacts. District level and school level monthly reviews and the accurate reporting data. Also, discussing tips on data quality checks and how FERPA relates to your job duties to improve the accuracy of district data as it pertains to MDE Policies, State and Federal Laws.

MSIS STUDENT DATA

Presented by MDE’s Larita Copprue from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. This presentation will cover the responsibilities that MSIS Student data roles have within MSIS, and the importance of monthly review and accurate reporting of data. Attendees who have MSIS Student data roles will understand the importance of reporting accurate MSIS Student Data.

NAEP DATA TOOLS ON THE WEB

Presented by MDE’s Jennifer Robinson from the Office of Student Assessment. Would you like to learn more about the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and how Mississippi students are performing in comparison to students in other states and across the nation as a whole? In this session, we will cover a brief overview of the NAEP assessment and our state’s performance over time. Attendees will also learn how to use NAEP’s online tools to analyze data and access previously released high quality assessment items to create questions for your own classroom assessments. Attendees will leave with general understanding of the design and purpose of the NAEP assessment and knowledge of how to use online tools to analyze data and create high quality assessment items in their classrooms.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE! POLICY AND GUIDANCE UPDATES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Presented by MDE’s Joyce Greer from the Office of Early Childhood. During this session participants will be provided with information concerning guidelines for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Early Childhood Collaboratives and Blended Pre-kindergarten Programs, and MSIS coding for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten (special education and general education) 1. To inform participants of policy and guidance information in the Office of Early Childhood, 2. To inform participants of the expectations of collecting and entering information in MSIS for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

PREPARING FOR DECEMBER 1 ALL YEAR LONG

Presented by MDE’s Cindy Taylor from the Office of Exceptional Services. This session will provide participants with practical strategies and supports that will allow them to begin preparing for December 1 Child Count throughout the school year. Participants will become familiar with the data necessary for completing December 1 and working in MSIS. To provide participants with guidance on preparing for December 1 Child Count.

PTAC: DATA BREACH RESPONSE TRAINING (DOUBLE SESSION)

Presented by Privacy Technical Assistance Center by Ross Lemke and Sean Cottrell. This interactive presentation puts you in the driver’s seat for a simulated data breach. Attendees will be faced with a data breach scenario and must make the critical decisions in addressing an ongoing breach, avoiding pitfalls and guiding an organization through the difficult and often murky issues facing organizations ruing that time.

PTAC: DISCLOSURE AVOIDANCE BEST PRACTICES

Presented by Privacy Technical Assistance Center by Ross Lemke, Sean Cottrell, and Kathy Gosa. This session will provide an overview of best practices in the area of disclosure avoidance methodology and public reporting. We will explore some common mistakes that districts make when posting data on their websites.

PTAC: FERPA AND DATA SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

Presented by Privacy Technical Assistance Center by Ross Lemke, Sean Cottrell, and Kathy Gosa. This session will provide training on current data security best practices for education data systems including user privacy and security awareness, privacy and security program development. It will address ways in which schools are vulnerable and common security failures seen in districts. This session is appropriate for anyone who has access to student data.

PTAC: SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW FERPA A.K.A. FERPA 201

Presented by Privacy Technical Assistance Center by Ross Lemke and Sean Cottrell. Have you worked with student data for a while? Do you think you know all about privacy? Come join us to delve into some advanced scenarios based on recent guidance and real cases received by PTAC or bring your own questions. You know how much we love saying *It Depends*.

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PTAC: YOU JUST DOWNLOADED A FERPA VIOLATION!

Presented by Privacy Technical Assistance Center by Ross Lemke and Sean Cottrell. This session will review legal requirements and best practices surrounding the use of Education Apps in the classroom. It will showcase common items seen in *Terms of Service Agreements* and discuss how some of these agreements might not align with FERPA. Finally, it will address how your district can develop its own policy surrounding the use of these apps in the classroom.

QUESTAR ASSESSMENT: NEXTERA ADMIN & TEST DELIVERY UPDATE

Presented by Questar’s Leah Cronk and Liz Shamla. This session will give an overview of new and upcoming updates to Nextera Admin and Test Delivery. We will discuss current and updated OS and device support progress toward WCAG compliance for online testing and Mississippi specific enhancements. The goal is to educate users of new information related to Nextera Admin and Test Delivery for online testing.

REVERSE AUCTIONS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Presented by DFA’s Ross Campbell from the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management. Reverse auctions have been the primary method of receiving bids in Section 31-7-13 of the MS Code since January 2019. DFA will present a summary of questions and lessons learned from the past year and a half. Familiarize attendees with common issues and solutions regarding reverse auctions.

ROUND TABLES: PRIVACY & SECURITY PHISHING DEMO

Presented by MDE’s Henry Vaughn from the Office of Technology & Strategic Services. In this session we will host two round tables, one on the current state of Cyber-attacks and what to do about them, the other on policies. We will also have a demo on what happens when you are the victim of a phishing attack.

SAM SPECTRA DISTRICT AND BRIGHTBYTES AND THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Presented by Kirk Cockrell from Central Access Corporation and Jann Arnold with BrightBytes/Datasense. Central Access empowers Mississippi schools to make informed data-driven decisions by adding deeper analytics to positively impact learning and student well-being across the state. Come and learn about the endless possibilities!

SCHOOL BASED ADMINISTRATION CLAIMING PROGRAM

Presented by MDE’s Louis King from the Office of Healthy Schools. Overview of School Based Administrative Claiming Program (SBAC). Information on Policy and Procedures needed to have a success SBAC Program for participating school districts. To review roles and responsibilities for SBAC Program as required by federal and state guidelines.

SHOW ME THE MONEY! HOW TO FUND IT (AND MORE)

Presented by Dr. Rita Oates from the Oates Associates. **Two-part presentation** ... part 1 and part 2 Learn where to look for grants and funding, secrets of a successful grant and what to do when you get 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, item to use in multiple funding proposals, and get peer and teacher feedback. See how “go local” can help you find support for your dreams. (two-part presentation) I can also do another workshop: Funding Social Emotional Learning and Other Important Things: know what are key elements needed in most grant applications – and draft some of them during the session, know where to look for funding for Mississippi educational projects, IT or otherwise, know how to maximize one’s chance of getting funding from a grant or other sources.

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SIGNIFICANT COGNITIVE DISABILITY (SCD) DETERMINATION GUIDANCE

Presented by MDE’s Sharon Coon from the Office of Exceptional Services. This session will provide participants with an overview of the SCD Determination Guidance Document. This session will also answer frequently asked questions regarding SCD determination. To provide guidance in the determination of SCD.

SOLE SOURCE AND REVERSE AUCTIONS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE LEGAL

Presented by Jon McCormick from the MS Office of the State Auditor. In this session, we will walk school districts through the laws and requirements surrounding sole source procurements and how they might impact reverse auction requirements. This topic is important for combating misinformation that may come from vendors and others and may impact a school district’s annual audit or may result in demands or other penalties.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT UPDATES

Presented by MDE’s Elizabeth Cook from the Office of Student Assessment. In this session, the Office of Student Assessment will provide brief program information for the MAAP assessments as well as new information for MAAP-A, ELPT, NAEP, and ACT for SY 19—20. Contact information for each program coordinator will also be available.

STUDENT DATA PRIVACY CONSORTIUM (SDPC): WHAT’S REQUIRED?

Presented by Larry Fruth from Access 4 Learning (A4L - Student Privacy Alliance) and Steve Smith with Cambridge Public Schools. This session will cover the basic requirements of the major student privacy laws, FERPA, PPR, COPPA, HIPAA, & CIPA. Attendees will come away with a basic understanding of the requirements of each of these laws in their school district. Emphasis will be place on operational impacts of each of these requirements on the day to day policies and procedures. Participants can expect to leave with a solid understanding of what may be required at the district level to meet ensure compliance with all student privacy regulations. This session will give a high-level overview of the various student data privacy laws, recommendations and policies that impact data stewards each day. This is a great introductory session for teachers, IT staff and administrators.

STUDENT DATA PRIVACY CONSORTIUM (SDPC): THE MS ALLIANCE

Presented by Larry Fruth from Access 4 Learning (A4L – Student Privacy Alliance) and Steve Smith with Cambridge Public Schools. The Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC), which now has a Mississippi Alliance, is designed to address the day-to-day, real-world multi-faceted issues that schools, states, territories and vendors face when protecting learner information. This unique collaborative is addressing real-world, adaptable, and implementable solutions to growing data privacy concerns. SDPC’s vision is to develop common activities, artifacts, templates, tools and effective practices that can be leveraged through a unique collaborative of end users and marketplace providers working together. Come see what YOU can use now as a SDPC state Alliance! This session will outline the tools and community support the SDPC can provide the MS districts in their roles as data stewards of student data. MS Alliance joins 22 other states developing common privacy contract language and a privacy technical standard.

THE POWER OF PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

Presented by Jann Arnold with BrightBytes. Connecting at-risk students to the right support should not be a guessing game. Historical models of early warning systems tend to mis-identify large groups of students using only a few variables, resulting in a mass of students receiving generic assistance and a lack of insight into whether these interventions are helping...or even happening. In this session, we will present districts who have worked over the

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last several years to employ predictive analytics to accurately target underserved groups of students, identifying them as early as first and second grade. They used the data to develop evidence-based intervention processes to connect those students to the right support. We will share the tools and methodology that powers outcomes. The goal is for attendees to be able to identify at-risk students earlier, connect students to the right type of services and support, and monitor the impact of interventions in place to ensure students are prepared to thrive.

TIMS DATABASE UPDATES

Presented by MDE’s Chauncy Spears from the Office of Elementary Education. The latest information on TIMS Data entry procedures and requirements. Additions to the reporting requirements for textbook inventory in TIMS will be presented.

TIPS, TRICKS, AND TIMESAVERS

Presented by Stoney Rogers, Technology Integration Specialist, from Pascagoula-Gautier School District. This presentation shows you valuable tools and shortcuts to help save time on classroom tasks to free up time for instruction. Provide tips and tricks to make tasks easier for educators.

TRANSFORMING INSTRUCTION WITH DIGITAL LEARNING PATH

Presented by Shanna Murray-Luke, eLearning Coordinator and Faculty, from William Carey University. Digital transformation is a hot topic in every arena these days. But what does it actually mean? And what does it mean for education and instruction. The assumption is that our students are coming to us as digital natives but how do we transition them from a personal use of technology to educational purposes? How do we use the technologies effectively to build instruction and a system for learning? Is it about the online tools, the equipment, the people, or possibly a strategy to make it all work together? How can we lead the learners down a path to grow their knowledge and skills and improve the behaviors and attitudes necessary to use the new content? Tools for Digital Transition Tools for designing a digital learning path will be presented. Tips to build, structure, deliver, engage, and assess students will be discussed. Open source digital resources will include a learning management platform, blog creation tool, and graphic design program. Introduce the concept of digital learning paths and digital transformation. Discuss instructional strategies to blend classroom with online the use of various digital tools. Demonstrate digital tools for the design and development of instruction.

UNDERSTANDING DATA INPUTS IN ACCOUNTABILITY

Presented by MDE’s Alan Burrow from the Office of District and School Performance. The Mississippi Statewide Accountability System relies on accurate and timely data from districts. We will discuss the when, where, how & why of the data that impacts accountability and how to read the SLAIF file during preliminary review.

UNDERSTANDING THE BOMB THREAT RESPONSE (HOMELAND SECURITY)

Presented by Jim Brinson from MS Office of Homeland Security. This presentation will discuss the concepts of receiving bomb threats and how to properly respond to these threats. Goal: is to understand and be able to make good survival decisions regarding bomb threats.

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

Presented by MDE’s Jo Ann Malone from the Office of Accreditation. The Office of Accreditation will provide general information and have a Q & A session with participants on Accreditation related topics. The goal of this session will be to communicate any important issues or changes pertaining to the accreditation process and/or the

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Public School Accountability Standards to help districts better understand how to ensure quality data as part of the accreditation process.

STRATEGICALLY USING LEARNING AGENDA TO INFORM POLICY & PROGRAM DECISIONS

Presented by MDE’s Dr. Stephen Crowder from the Office of Technology and Strategic Services. In this session, we will introduce the Mississippi Department of Education’s dynamic research framework and a list of research studies defined centering on the Mississippi State Board of Education Strategic Plan. We will also provide information on the importance and procedures of selecting and implementing evidence-based programs and practices under the requirement of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

WHY SHOULD I ALLOW TIME FOR INDEPENDENT PRACTICE?

Presented by Charlotte Wilson from Renaissance. Join us in this session to discover why practice is a vital component in any curriculum. Why practice? How do I manage practice? How do I tie practice to my curriculum? How will practice improve test scores? What are the similarities, cross overs in academic practice and athletic practice? Understand the role of practice to move students from learning to knowing. Examples of practices to implement a mastery model.

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