MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

LEGAL EARLY BIRD SEMINAR (Grand Ballroom)

12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.  REGISTRATION

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.  Heads Up! Emerging Legal Trends for School Districts
Austin Gilbert, Esq., MSBA Legislative & Policy Manager; Adams and Reese, LLP Education Team: Jim Keith, Esq., Elizabeth Lee Maron, Esq., and John Hooks, Esq.

3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.  BREAK

3:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.  Boardroom Insights:
A Mock Board Meeting Simulation for Effective Governance
MSBA Board of Directors and MSBA Staff

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  REGISTRATION

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  EXHIBITS

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.  OPENING GENERAL SESSION
Welcome – Dr. Delores McNair, MSBA President

Presentation of Colors – Hattiesburg High School JROTC Members

Recognition of Sponsors
Gary Bailey, President, Bailey Education Group, LLC

Scholastic

Presentation of MSBA Essay Contest Winners
Dr. Tommye Henderson, MSBA Superintendent Search Manager

General Session Speaker

10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.  BREAK
10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Building Effective Teacher Recruitment and Retention Practices (Grand Ballroom B)**  
*Dr. Matt Dillon, Superintendent, Petal School District*

**Let’s Play Policy Jeopardy (Meeting Rm. B)**  
*Austin Gilbert, Esq., MSBA Legislative & Policy Manager*

**Creating Opportunities to Engage Students Beyond the Classroom (Jr. Ballrooms A&B)**  
*Dr. Toriano Holloway, Superintendent, Vicksburg Warren School District*

**Addressing Chronic Student Absenteeism in Today’s Schools (Jr. Ballroom C)**  
*Presenter, MDE, Office of Compulsory School Attendance*

**Exploring Alternative Career Pathway Options for Students (Jr. Ballroom D)**  
*Presenter, Gulfport School District*

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
**LUNCH** (on your own)

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
**REPEAT CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

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*Dr. Matt Dillon, Superintendent, Petal School District*

**Let’s Play Policy Jeopardy (Meeting Rm. B)**  
*Austin Gilbert, Esq., MSBA Legislative & Policy Manager*

**Cultivating a Thriving School Culture: Strategies for Success (Jr. Ballrooms A&B)**  
*Dr. Melissa Thomas, Principal, Tupelo High School*

**Addressing Chronic Student Absenteeism in Today’s Schools (Jr. Ballroom C)**  
*Presenter, MDE, Office of Compulsory School Attendance*

**Exploring Alternative Career Pathway Options for Students (Jr. Ballroom D)**  
*Presenter, Gulfport School District*

2:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.  
**BREAK**
2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ethics, Open Meetings, and Public Records Compliance for School Board Members **(Grand Ballroom B)**  
*Tom Hood, Esq., Executive Director and Chief Counsel, Mississippi Ethics Commission*

*Anissa Young, CSRM, MSBA Insurance Program Manager*

Cultivating a Thriving School Culture: Strategies for Success **(Jr. Ballrooms A&B)**  
*Dr. Melissa Thomas, Principal, Tupelo High School*

SafeGuarding Students: Preventing Human Trafficking and Predators in Our Schools **(Jr. Ballroom C)**  
*Ashlee Lucas, Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation*

Elevating Education with Artificial Intelligence: Revolutionizing the Classroom Experience **(Jr. Ballroom D)**  
*Chris Chism, Superintendent, Pearl Public School District*

3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.  BREAK

3:45 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.  REPEAT CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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*Tom Hood, Esq., Executive Director and Chief Counsel, Mississippi Ethics Commission*

How to Deal with Difficult People **(Meeting Rm. A)**  
*Dr. Tommye Henderson, MSBA Superintendent Search Manager*

*Anissa Young, CSRM, MSBA Insurance Program Manager*

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*Chris Chism, Superintendent, Pearl Public School District*

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.  SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION WEEK RECEPTION; AND AWARDS PHOTOS **(Grand Ballroom)**
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

6:45 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.  BOARD PRESIDENTS / SUPERINTENDENTS NETWORKING BREAKFAST (Sheraton Hotel Cooking School)

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST for Other School Leaders

7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.  REGISTRATION

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.  SECOND GENERAL SESSION
Welcome – Dr. Delores McNair, MSBA President

Greetings - Glen East, President, Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) State Board of Education; Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno, Interim State Superintendent, Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)

Musical Presentation – Hattiesburg High School Choir

Recognition of Sponsors

Recognition of Retiring Directors

Presentation of MSBA Essay Contest Winner
Dr. Tommye Henderson, MSBA Superintendent Search Manager

General Session Speaker

10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.  BREAK

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.  CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Supporting Student Outcomes by Incorporating Social Emotional Learning (Meeting Rm. A)
Heather Norton, LPC, Ed.S., NBCC, RiverTree Counseling Associates

Leading Together:
New Perspectives on School Board-Superintendent (Meeting Rm. B)
Dr. Robert Williams, Superintendent, Hattiesburg School District

Creating Opportunities to Engage Students Beyond the Classroom (Jr. Ballrooms A&B)
Dr. Toriano Holloway, Superintendent, Vicksburg Warren School District

Strengthening Community Connections Through Innovative Partnerships (Jr. Ballroom C)
Dr. Lance Evans, Superintendent, New Albany School District

Charting a Course for Excellence: Strategic Planning and Continuous Improvement (Jr. Ballroom D)
Dr. Carla Evers, Superintendent, Pass Christian School District
11:45 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.  CELEBRATION LUNCHEON; DOOR PRIZES (Grand Ballroom)
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*Agenda as of January 8, 2024 Subject to change.