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TO: Superintendents

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RE: *Mississippi Education and Technology Innovation Symposium (METIS)*

MDE Summer Data Conference has expanded its scope. With the change of scope, the name has changed to Mississippi Education and Technology Innovation Symposium (METIS). The main goal is to provide a wide range of technical sessions, access to each MDE Program Office, other State Agencies as well as representatives from USDOE Privacy Technical Assistance Center.

The symposium will focus on current technical issues such as Ransomware, Data Security, Data Privacy and Best practices for web sites. The technical sessions will address system issues, updates and performance issues. The symposium will also offer hints and tips which enhances technical personnel's ability to take advantage of the latest technology.

The program office presentations will provide the district and school personnel with the MDE policies, state laws, and federal laws as they pertain to the information required to collect and report to the MDE. The goal is to improve quality of data.

The symposium will be held for all districts on June 22-24, 2016, at the Jackson Convention Center, in Jackson, Mississippi. Attendees are the individual(s) responsible for technology as well as personnel responsible for all aspects of data as it pertains to student, personnel, federal programs (such as CTE, Title 1, Special Education, etc.) and finance.

Onsite check-in opens on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The symposium will kick off Wednesday, June 22 at 8:30 a.m. with check-in opening at 7:30 a.m.

More information concerning the symposium and registration is listed on our web page:
http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OTSS/metis

I look forward to your attendance and welcome your feedback on the new format of the symposium.

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