

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Exhibitors

FROM: Dr. John Q. Porter, Chief Information Officer  
Office of Technology and Strategic Services

DATE: April 20, 2016

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



MDE Annual Summer Data Conference has expanded its scope. The name has changed to Mississippi Education and Technology Innovation Symposium (METIS) along with the expanded scope. The main goal is to provide a wide range of technical sessions, accesses to each MDE Program Office, other State Agencies, and representatives from the Privacy Technical Assistance Center at U.S. Department of Education (USDOE).

METIS will focus on current technical issues, including Ransomware, Data Security, Data Privacy and Best practices for web sites. Particularly, the technical sessions will address system issues, updates and performance issues. In addition, METIS will offer hints and tips which enhance technical personnel's ability of utilizing the latest technology.

This year we are expecting over 1,000 attendees from the public schools districts, private schools and charter schools across the state. These attendees will include superintendents, attendance officers, business managers, technology coordinators, teachers, career & technical directors and other staffs from their perspective districts.

Five sponsorship levels are available ranging from \$3,000 to \$250. Please see the attached document for sponsorship levels.

Please find the exhibitor registration form attached. **Forms are due by Tuesday, May 31, 2016.** Exhibitor setup will start Tuesday, June 21, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference will start Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

We look forward to hearing from you and anticipate your participation at this year's METIS. For questions, please feel free to contact Debra Hines at [dhines@mdek12.org](mailto:dhines@mdek12.org) or Sarita Donaldson at [sdonaldson@mdek12.org](mailto:sdonaldson@mdek12.org).