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TO: Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Mississippi Education & Technology Innovation Symposium (METIS)

The Mississippi Department of Education will be hosting its 4th annual data and technology symposium on July 17-19, 2019. The event is being held at the MS Coast Convention Center in Biloxi, MS. This symposium focuses on changes to state and federal reporting for the 2019-2020 school year. I encourage you to allow your staff to attend this valuable training.

The data that support state and federal reporting has a wide impact on districts and schools. METIS sessions include presentations by many different MDE program offices beyond the Office of Technology and Strategic Services (OTSS) – such as Accountability, Accreditation, Assessment, Attendance, Federal Programs, Healthy Schools, Licensure, School Financial Services, and School Improvement – as well as outside speakers, including from the US Department of Education.

METIS is designed to present valuable information to an equally wide range of local programs and district personnel. This year's sessions will address data management, data privacy, cyber security, innovative solutions, emerging trends, infrastructure, and best practices, along with instructional, technical and educational sessions regarding grants & funding, professional development, counseling updates, NAEP, e-Rate, and more.

I am thrilled to announce lower registration fees this year! Early bird registration is \$100.00 and late registration is \$150.00. Please note, **all payment methods** incur a *per person* processing fee; see website for details. Attendees can register online using a PO, credit card, or e-check by accessing the registration site at: https://www.ms.gov/mde/metis_registry/. Our online registration closes June 28, 2019.

Information regarding hotels, agenda, session schedule, online registration/payment, and presenter registration is available on our website at: <http://www.mdek12.org/OTSS/metis/2019>. Please contact Barbara Young or Debra Hines at (601)359-3487 or metis@mdek12.org with any questions. I encourage you to participate and value your attendance. See YOU at METIS!