

# CONCURRENT SESSION SYNOPSIS:

## ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

In this session, the office of Accountability will provide any information regarding changes or new policies.. Please join us for important information.

## BECOMING A PERSON OF INFLUENCE

The ability to influence those around you directly impacts leadership effectiveness. In this session we will discuss influence, its importance, and how to master the ability to positively impact the lives of others. The goal of this session is to provide participants with a clear definition of influence, discuss ways people influence and how to increase your own influence. Presented by Dr. Danielle Harris of the Corning Achievement Elementary School.

## BREATHING LIFE INTO YOUR PRESENTATION: BECOME NEARPODIZED

Are you tired of boring PowerPoint presentations? Do you want to bring collaboration and engagement into your presentation? This session will give you an in-depth look at the use of Nearpod in your classroom and beyond. The goal of this session is to enlighten educators on how to use Nearpod to boost student engagement through effective questioning; virtual fieldtrips; and etc. Nearpod can be used for faculty meetings and professional development sessions. Be prepared to take your presentation to the next level.

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATES AND REPORTING

This session will cover what's new in Career and Technical Education for the upcoming school year, including detailed information related to new Perkins grant applications, reimbursements, and reporting requirements. MSIS Personnel, Counselors, Business Managers, and CTE Administrators/Contact Persons are encouraged to attend this session.

## CHALKABLE – INFORMATIONNOW (SIS VENDOR SESSION)

Come meet with Chalkable/PowerSchool and users of InformationNow to discuss any new items coming in future releases, any changes for state reporting, specific MS needs for the software, etc.

## COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

This presentation will provide pertinent information related to legal protocol, interventions and prevention regarding attendance issues (foster care, chronic absenteeism, etc.).

## COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR MISSISSIPPI (CS4MS)

This presentation will give an overview of the progress of the CS4MS project. Attendees will learn about the different levels of implementation by grade level. They will also learn about the groups we collaborate with and future plans for the project.

## DATA BREACH RESPONSE TRAINING (PTAC)

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 have to make the critical decisions in addressing an ongoing breach, avoiding pitfalls and guiding an organization through the difficult and often murky issues facing organizations during that time.

## DATA-DRIVEN COACHING (AMPLIFY)

Amplify's data coaches currently support teachers and school leaders in seven schools in the state with building their data fluency, developing data-driven practices through key routines such as Professional Learning Communities and data analysis one-on-one meetings, and implementing instructional strategies to improve student achievement. During this session, we will share an overview of our strategy for change and the key levels to our success.

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## DRC INSIGHT: VALUABLE DATA RESOURCES

In this session representatives from Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) will cover valuable resources found within the DRC INSIGHT portal. Participants will learn how to install and access the Central Office Dashboard (COS), Student Status Dashboard, On-Demand Reports, and MDE specific documents and system downloads among other resources that will assist them in data analysis and progress monitoring. The session will conclude with a hands-on experience of DRC INSIGHT.

## DESIGNED WITH TEACHERS IN MIND: GETTING READY FOR IREADY BACK TO SCHOOL

We will provide guidance around best implementation practices and reading reports to inform instruction. We will also share iREADY updates and help teachers to set goals and create a culture of success.

## DISCLOSURE AVOIDANCE (PTAC)

This presentation 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.

## E-RATE

Join Lee Bray and Gary Rawson for this informative session on the current and upcoming status of e-Rate.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA UPDATES AND GUIDANCE

Join the office of Early Childhood for information on how to correctly enter data for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students in MSIS as well as provide updates from the office of Early Childhood. The goals are to inform participants on how to correctly enter data into MSIS for pre-k and kindergarten; to inform participants on ways to collect data during enrollment; and to inform participants of updates in the office of Early Childhood.

## EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY)

Please join representatives from Johns Hopkins University. This session will provide background information on EWS, key components for implementation, and strategies for getting started. The goal is to provide resources and identify key next steps for moving forward with EWS implementation.

## EXPLORE THE WORLD OF IMMERSIVE LEARNING (PROMETHEAN)

Immersive Learning through the Promethean Solution, Virtual Reality, 3-D Models, Polling and Presentation Tools all come together to create connections between content and the real world. Combine these tools with Experiential Learning and you have an experience that will immerse you in engagement while taking you on a personalized learning journey.

## FERPA AND DATA SECURITY IN SCHOOLS (PTAC)

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.

## GANGS IN MISSISSIPPI SCHOOLS

Join MDE's Bill Welch and Jennifer Skelton to discuss the different gangs and activities that are in and around schools. The goal is to help school district personnel become familiar with gangs and gang related activities around the state.

## HEALTH SCIENCE: BUILDING THE HEALTH SCIENCE PIPELINE

This session will inform the participants of the exciting future in Health Science, through the Office of Career and Technical Education. You will also learn of the innovation and opportunities that are available for students enrolled in Health Sciences through simulation activities.

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## IDENTIFYING EVIDENCED-BASED RESOURCES TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

This session will provide participants with ways to maximize use of the MCAPS and MS SOARS platforms to develop Title I School Improvement Plans. In addition, guidance on repositories available for identifying and selecting evidenced-based interventions will be examined.

## IF YOU CARE, THE STUDENTS WILL PREPARE

When teachers care, students will prepare. This is a proven fact. This session provides strategies, tools, and techniques that are instantly transferrable to any classroom. If teachers show they care for students, students will prepare to learn.

## IMPORTANCE OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING/CODING; AND PREPAING FOR TECHNOLOGY AS A CAREER (CSPIRE)

Join C spire's CIO, Carla Lewis to learn more about the importance of computer programming and code, and how companies like C Spire use these skills daily. Additionally, C Spire's Vice President of Government Broadband Services, Jimmy Webster, will discuss preparing for technology as a career. The goal is to bring awareness to the importance of coding and preparing for technology as a career.

## IMPROVING DATA QUALITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

In this session, members from MDE's Federal Programs office will be discussing how you can improve your data quality. The goal is to ensure that the data submitted for Federal Programs from the district level is accurate.

## KNOW YOUR BENEFITS (PERS)

This presentation provides an overview of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The goal is to inform members about options and benefits that are available through PERS.

## THE LEADING LEARNING OBJECT REPOSITORY AND IPTV (SAFARI MONTAGE & MICROSOFT)

This session will detail how a school or district can benefit by having both a learning object repository (LOR) and IPTV as part of their digital ecosystem, that works with other platforms already being used to provide that "one-stop shop" that is viewed by many district leader as the *Holy Grail* when it comes to education in 2018 and beyond. The goal is to educate the teachers and leaders of MS on the benefits of having a LOR and IPTV as part of the digital ecosystem.

## MAKE LEARNING FUN...EVEN FOR ADULTS

*Sit and get* trainings are out the window! This session will highlight interactive tools and best practices that model principles of adult learning. Participants will leave the session with new tools and ideas to make their professional development engaging and meaningful. The goal is to learn how adults learn differently, understand the elements a professional development should have, and create an action plan to implement.

## MSIS DATA FOR GIFTED PROGRAMS

In this session, you will be guided through regulations and standards for gifted programs as it relates to scheduling and data entry, along with how this information impacts each districts gifted teacher-unit funding. The goal of this session is to correctly identify gifted children and students within MSIS; and maximize gifted program funding availability.

## MISSISSIPPI DIPLOMA OPTIONS: A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

This presentation will help school personnel understand the new graduation requirements and endorsement options offered to upcoming ninth-graders. All essential components will be covered, such as new requirements, early-release requirements, allowable district modifications, and much more!

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### MSIS DISCIPLINE REPORTING

MDE's Safe & Orderly Schools' office will provide information regarding new reporting categories in MSIS. Learn how to report fights, simple assaults versus felony assaults, weapons, etc. The goal is to make districts aware of new and different reporting requirements.

### MSIS INTERVENTION SCREEN & STATE BOARD POLICY 41:1

This session will provide participants information needed to complete the MSIS Intervention screen and reports. An overview of State Board of Education Policy 41.1 will be presented.

### MSIS PERSONNEL DATA ROLE

This session will cover the responsibilities associated within MSIS Personnel Data Role, importance of continuous review, and accurate reporting of data.

### MSIS PRIMARY/SECONDARY

This session will cover the responsibilities of the MSIS Primary and MSIS Secondary contacts. Districts level and school level monthly review and accurate reporting of data.

### MSIS STUDENT DATA

This session will cover the responsibilities associated within MSIS for the Student Data Role, importance of monthly review, and accurate reporting of data.

### MS DEFERRED COMPENSATION: KNOW YOUR PLAN

An introduction of the MS Deferred Compensation Plan as well as tips on investing and making the most of your retirement savings.

### MVPS AND MOCA: ONLINE LEARNING TO ENRICH STUDENT LEARNING

This session will focus on the changes to the Mississippi Virtual Public School signed by the governor this spring and effective in school year 2018-2019. Districts are now able to choose the vendor that is best for their students. The MDE will reimburse districts directly for a percentage of successful Carnegie credits completed by students. Online courses are an important option to ensure students in rural or under-staffed districts are offered advanced electives.

### OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE UPDATE

The Office of Educator Licensure will provide an overview of Mississippi Educator Licensure Guidelines in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated 37-3-2.

### MISSISSIPPI MENTORING AND INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS

This presentation will provide an overview to participants of the state's Mentoring and induction program including, but not limited to mentor training, support for beginning teachers, licensure, etc. Participants will also learn about current mentoring and induction legislation in accordance to Mississippi Code Ann. #37-9-201 through #37-9-213.

### MISSISSIPPI SUCCEEDS STATE PLAN UPDATE

MDE staff will provide an update on Mississippi's response to Every Student Succeeds Act, including an overview of the plan and information on updated school and district report card design and features.

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### MISSION IMPOSSIBLE USING THE ASVAB WITH ALL STUDENTS

Participants will be provided an overview of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) and implementation strategies they can use to integrate this comprehensive free career exploration program into their existing curriculum for all students. Participants will gain insight on how to use the dynamic ASVAB CEP website tool as the launch point for all college and career exploration activities with no limit to who can participate. Target Audience: Principals, counselors, STEM teachers, and student service coordinators.

### NATIONAL BOARD: PROFESSIONAL LEARNING THAT CHANGES SCHOOL CULTURE

This session is designed to expose educators to National Board Certification and provide information on how using this professional learning can impact the culture of a school and improve student outcome.

### NEXTERA UPDATED FUNCTIONALITY (QUESTAR)

Join representatives from Questar where they will provide a brief overview of functional enhancements to the Nextera system for the past school year and provide visibility to key initiatives heading into Fall.

### THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF MS SOARS: COACHING AND IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

The session begins w/ a talk about the purpose & usefulness of MS SOARS including research available via articles, & videos; how information about the school's work can be shared w/ staff, administrators & community, etc. Then we will have a work session to get the details of how to use MS SOARS from creating a meeting, sending an agenda, reviewing action plan items, taking meeting minutes & sharing the minutes.

### ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This session will provide an overview to the updated Menu of Services for Fall 2018 provided by the Office of Professional Development at the Mississippi Department of Education. This will include showcasing the new online professional development options offered free of charge to districts/schools across the state.

### PERFORMANCE MATTERS, STUDENT ASSESSMENT & ANALYTICS (POWERSCHOOL)

More Info Coming Soon!

### PREPARING FOR DECEMBER 1 AN YEAR LONG

The presenters will provide information that will be vital when preparing for the Special Education December 1 child count. Info will be shared of what is necessary for the child count as well as for federal indicators. The presenters will share monthly tips to prepare for December 1 and throughout the year so that child count day is a success.

### RECRUITING IN TIMES OF TEACHER SHORTAGES

When it comes time to fill positions, many Mississippi districts struggle to find the right candidates. In this session, we'll discuss what you can do to find the most qualified educators for your students and stay ahead of the teacher shortage.

### SCHOOL BASED ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING UPDATES (SBAC)

To review and discuss key points needed to participate in the school based administrative claiming program with participating and non-participating school districts. To cover state and federal guidelines needed to maintain compliance in the school based administrative claiming program.

### SECONDARY COUNSELING UPDATES

Overview of Secondary Counseling updates.

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## SHOW ME THE MONEY! HOW TO FUND IT

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,” items to use in multiple funding proposals, and get peer and leader feedback. See how “go local” can help you find support for your dreams. (two part presentation)

## SMARTPHONES, SMARTER STUDENTS

This session will focus on how to effectively incorporate cell phones into classroom instruction. The session will be interactive and allow discussion and ideas to be shared.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT UPDATES

In this session, updates from the office of Student Assessment will be provided. Q & A will be available.

## STUDENT DATA PRIVACY CONSORTIUM – MS ALLIANCE KICK OFF (A4L)

MS is the newest Alliance in the Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) established to address “tactical” and “on the ground” privacy needs. Formed after a year of research, outreach, and one-on-one conversations, the SDPC is now made up of schools, regional and state education agencies and marketplace providers identifying privacy issues and developing solutions for all levels of the education data continuum.

## TECH TOOLS THAT ADD FLAVOR (UPPER ELEMENTARY, ELA)

The session presenter will demonstrate several instructional activities that incorporate technology into the classroom in a way that increases student motivation and engagement. A variety of apps and web-based tools will be demonstrated. Bring your device for optimal participation!

## TIMS DATABASE UPDATES

Learn more about updates and additions to the reporting requirements for textbook inventory in TIMS. The goal is to familiarize district personnel with the rudiments, regulations and functionality of TIMS.

## UNDERSTANDING FERPA (USDOE)

Attendees will be informed about the basic requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), including the rights of parents and eligible students to access their education records, seek amendment of inaccurate information in the records, and to consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records. They will also be given an overview of the exceptions in the law and regulations to the general consent requirement that permit schools to share information under certain conditions.

## UNDERSTANDING THE DATA – LAS LINKS REPORTS

Learn how to read the LAS Links report and how to use the data to provide instruction & support for English learners. The goal is to help participants understand how to read the reports and what data means.

## UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

This presentation will consist of hot topics and reminders from the MDE’s Office of Accreditation. The goal is to update districts on issues pertaining to accreditation

## UPDATES FROM SCHOOL FINANCIAL SERVICES

Join the office of School Financial Services to hear updates on all Legislation and other matters pertaining to school finance.

## USING DIGITAL ASSESSMENTS TO DRIVE INSTRUCTION

In this session participants will explore several free easy-to-use digital assessment tools and discuss how each can be utilized for formative classroom assessments. Additionally, participants will examine data collected by each assessment tool and discuss how to use the data to drive classroom instruction.

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## WHAT'S NEW WITH SAM SPECTRA

Join representatives from Central Access for an overview of what's new in SAM Spectra. The goal is to inform and update users of SAM.

## YOU JUST DOWNLOADED A LAWSUIT! WORKING WITH ONLINE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND APPS (PTAC)

This presentation 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 those apps in the classroom.

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