

**Georgia School Superintendents Association
Spring Bootstrap Conference
April 18-19, 2018
Savannah Marriott Riverfront
Savannah, GA**

***Courageous Leadership Impacting Local
Communities***

Tuesday, April 17

- 5:00 p.m. **First District RESA Board of Control Meeting - *Pulaski***
- 5:30 p.m. **GSSA Board of Directors Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m. **GSSA Board of Directors Meeting**
- 8:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception – *Atrium***

Our friends at ABM, American Fidelity, Carroll Daniel Construction, and Classworks are sponsoring this event that will start at 8:00 pm in the Atrium of the Savannah Marriott Riverfront to kick start the start the conference. In the past, many of our members have indicated the need for opportunities to network, collaborate, and socialize with colleagues. Having gone through the inevitable and varied experiences of the superintendency, opportunities to have dialog, problem-solving, and commiserate are typically highly valued by superintendents and educational leaders at every level. At this event, you will have the opportunity to meet with our new superintendents, other Georgia superintendents, GSSA staff, some of the speakers for our conference, and national educational leaders, in a relaxed and informal setting. We hope that you will plan to attend so you don't miss out on the refreshments, deserts, the music, and the fellowship with your colleagues.

Wednesday, April 18

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**
- 8:30 a.m. **Coaching Update – Terri DeLoach and Keith Porter - *Plaza***
- 9:00 a.m. **Pioneer RESA - *Pulaski***
- 9:00 a.m. **Southwest Georgia RESA – *Oglethorpe***
- 9:00 a.m. **Okefenokee RESA – *Johnson***

General session I: *Savannah Ballroom A*

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Student Performance

GSSA President Tim Cochran and Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Schools Dr. Ann Levett welcomes members and guests to the conference and recognizes sponsors and other special guests.

Bleckley County Performance

10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Col. Lee Ellis

As president of Leadership Freedom® LLC, a leadership and team development consulting and coaching company, Lee Ellis consults with Fortune 500 senior executives in the areas of hiring, teambuilding, human performance, and succession planning. His media appearances include interviews on networks such as CNN, CBS This Morning, C-SPAN, ABC World News, and Fox News Channel. A retired Air Force Colonel, his latest award-winning book about his Vietnam POW experience is entitled *Engage with Honor: Building a Culture of Courageous Accountability*.

11:45 a.m. GSSA Awards

Recognition of the 2018 Georgia Superintendent of the Year
GSSA President's Awards
Recognition of New Superintendents
Recognition of Retiring Superintendents
Awarding of Service Pins

Noon Lunch – *Savannah Ballroom BC*

General Session II: – *Savannah Ballroom A*

1:15 p.m. Leigh Colburn and Linda Beggs – The Centergy Project *A Student Wraparound Initiative*

2:15 p.m. BREAK

- 2:30 p.m. **Samantha Fuhrey** – Superintendent, Newton County Schools
The Newton County Schools Story
- 3:15 p.m. **Panel Questions and Answers – Leigh Colburn, Linda Beggs, and Samantha Fuhrey**
- 4:00 p.m. **President’s Reception – Savannah Ballroom BC**
All conference attendees are invited to this reception honoring new superintendents and those who are retiring.

Thursday, April 19

- 7:30 a.m. **GSSA Breakfast and Gen. Business Meeting – Savannah Ballroom B**
Conference attendees are invited to enjoy a buffet breakfast, network with colleagues, and participate in the Association’s business meeting.

General Session III – Savannah Ballroom A

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Inspiration**
GSSA president-elect Mike Newton presides
- 9:15 a.m. **GaDOE News**
- **Richard Woods** – Georgia School Superintendent
 - **Ted Beck** - Chief Financial Officer
 - **Stephanie Johnson** - Deputy Superintendent School Improvement
 - **Nakeba Rahming** - Deputy Superintendent Federal Programs
 - **Allison Timberlake** - Deputy Superintendent, Assessment and Accountability
- 10:00 a.m. **2018 Georgia Superintendent of the Year – Steve Barker, Coweta County Schools**
- 10:15 a.m. **GSSA Legislative Update**

John Zauner – Executive Director of GSSA
Michael Surma – GSSA Legislative Liaison

11:00 a.m. **Legal Update - Phil Hartley**
News from the legal front will be presented by GSSA's long-time friends from the law firm of Harben, Hartley, and Hawkins.

12:00 Noon **Conference adjournment**

12:00 p.m. Luncheon for afternoon meeting attendees – *Savannah Ballroom C*

12:00 p.m. **GAEL Board of Directors Meeting – Plaza**