**Georgia School Superintendents Association**

**Spring Bootstrap Conference**

**April 21-22, 2021**

**Marriott Savannah Riverfront**

**Savannah, GA**

***Steadily Leading in an Uncertain Environment***

**Tuesday, April 20**

4:00 p.m. **First District RESA Board of Control Meeting** – *Oglethorpe AB*

5:30 p.m. **GSSA Board of Directors Dinner** – *Ballroom C*

6:30 p.m. **GSSA Board of Directors Meeting** – *Ballroom DE*

8:00 p.m. **Sponsored** **Welcome Reception** – *Atrium*

Our friends at **ABM**, **American Fidelity**, **Carroll Daniel Construction**, **Curriculum Associates, Classworks,** and **NWEA** 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 21**

8:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**

8:00 a.m. **Pioneer RESA** **– *Oglethorpe AB***

**General session I: *Savannah Ballroom ABC***

10:00 a.m. **Welcome**

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

10:15 a.m. **Governor Brian Kemp**

10:30 a.m. **Inspiration** - **2020 Georgia Superintendent of the Year – Michael Duncan, Superintendent of Pike County Schools**

10:50 a.m. **Matt Arthur – PSC Update**

11:00 a.m. **Robin Hines – GHSA Update**

11:10 a.m. **Superintendent Shanna Downs – Gilmer County Schools**

11:30 a.m. **GSSA Awards**

Recognition of the 2021 Georgia Superintendent of the Year

GSSA President’s Awards

Recognition of New Superintendents

Recognition of Retiring Superintendents

Awarding of Service Pins

12:00 p.m. **Lunch – *Atrium***

**General Session II: – *Savannah Ballroom ABC***

1:30 p.m.  **Test Design and Comparability**

**Dr. Garron (Gianopulos)**, NWEA Sr. Research Scientist and **Michael Huneke**, District Assessment Director for Marietta City Schools

2:10 p.m. **Superintendent Paul Brooksher – Bryan County Schools**

2:30 p.m. **Plasma Games – Hunter Moore**

3:00 p.m. **Superintendent Aaron Geter – Wilkinson County Schools**

3:15 p.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.

4:30 p.m. **President’s Reception** – ***Atrium***

All conference attendees are invited to this reception honoring new superintendents and those who are retiring.

**Thursday, April 22**

7:30 a.m. **GSSA Breakfast** – *Atrium*

Conference attendees are invited to enjoy a buffet breakfast, network with colleagues, and participate in the Association’s business meeting.

8:00 a.m. **West Georgia RESA – *McIntosh***

**General Session III – *Savannah Ballroom ABC***

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Inspiration**

GSSA president-elect Robert Brown presides

9:05 a.m. **GaDOE News**

* Richard Woods
* Matt Jones

10:00 a.m. **2020 Georgia Teacher of the Year** - **Tracey Pendley, 4th Grade Teacher in Atlanta Public Schools**

10:15 a.m. **TRS Update - Buster Evans**

10:30 a.m. **GSSA Legislative Update**

**John Zauner** – Executive Director of GSSA

11:00 a.m. **Keynote Speaker – John Maxwell**

Noon **Conference adjournment**

12:15 p.m. John Maxwell Q & A

1:00 p.m. GAEL Board Luncheon - *Atrium*

12:30 p.m. **GAEL Board of Directors Meeting – *Savannah Ballroom DE***