**Georgia School Superintendents Association**

**Spring Bootstrap Conference**

**April 12-13, 2023**

**Marriott Savannah Riverfront**

**Savannah, GA**

***From Literacy to the Work Force***

**Tuesday, April 11**

10:00 a.m. **Superintendent Induction Program** - *Plaza*

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

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

7:30 p.m. **Platinum & Gold Welcome Reception** – *Atrium*

GSSA’s Platinum and Gold sponsorsare sponsoring this event that will start at 7:30 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 12**

8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATIONS OPENS**

8:30 a.m. **CSRA RESA** **– *Pulaski***

8:30 a.m. **First District RESA - *Plaza***

8:30 a.m. **West Georgia RESA** **– *Forsyth***

8:30 a.m. **Southwest GA RESA** **– *Oglethorpe AB***

**General session I: *Savannah Ballroom AB***

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

GSSA President Aaron Geter 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. Final Four **Superintendent Panel Discussion: Superintendent / Board Relations**

Beverley Levine - Oglethorpe Trent North – Douglas

Brian Hightower – Cherokee Fred Williams - Dublin

11:00 a.m. **GSSA Awards**

Recognition of the 2023 Georgia Superintendent of the Year

GSSA President’s Awards

GSSA Trailblazer Award

Recognition of New Superintendents

Recognition of Retiring Superintendents

Awarding of Service Pins

11:30 p.m. **Lunch – *Atrium***

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

1:00 p.m. Danielle Rosa – GA Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC)

1:15 p.m. Greg Dozier **–** Commissioner of Technical College of Georgia

1:30 p.m. Noelle Ellerson Ng **–** AASAAssociate Executive Director, Advocacy & Governance

1:45 p.m. Governor Brian Kemp Remarks

2:00 p.m. **Chris Clark – President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce**

2:45 p.m. Dr. Terry Oatts - Rockdale County Public Schools - Literacy Program

3:30 p.m. Sonny Perdue - Chancellor of the University System of Georgia

3:45 p.m. Fulton County Schools - Literacy Program

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 13**

7:30 a.m. **GSSA Breakfast** – ***Savannah Ballroom C***

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 AB***

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

GSSA president-elect Jason Branch presides

9:05 a.m. **2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year** – Michael Kobito, Bartow County Public Schools

9:20 a.m. **GaDoE News and Update**

10:00 a.m. **Inspiration** - **2023 Georgia Superintendent of the Year – Trent North, Douglas County Schools**

10:15 a.m. **GA TRS Update – Buster Evans**

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

**John Zauner** – Executive Director of GSSA

**Jody Barrow** – Deputy Director of GSSA

11:00 a.m. **Legal Update - Phil Hartley**

Noon **Conference adjournment**

12:00 p.m. **GAEL Board Luncheon** - ***Academy***

12:30 p.m. **GAEL Board of Directors Meeting – *Plaza***