



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION




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State Superintendent of Education

January 22, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey   
State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** Health and Physical Literacy Summit 2020

The Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) is hosting the inaugural Health and Physical Literacy Summit 2020 in Hoover, Alabama, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on February 11-14, 2020. National in scope, the Health and Physical Literacy Summit will provide professional development for health and physical education teachers. Presenters from across the United States will offer innovative ideas and strategies to meet the curriculum needs of students in elementary, middle, high schools, and colleges.

The summit will include approximately 120 activity and lecture sessions designed to meet the needs of every teacher. The teachers will participate in sessions that will provide direct instruction on how to use different strategies to deliver quality and meaningful activities for every student. Teachers also can network with other educators from around the country that share the same passion for teaching as they do. Just like children, teachers learn and grow from each other as well.

The keynote speaker on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, is Dr. John Ratey, author of *SPARK: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain*. Members of the Council of Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS) are invited to attend the keynote address from 8:30-9:45 a.m., followed by an Administrator Forum from 10:00-11:45 a.m. **at no charge**. Lunch is provided.

Health and Physical Educators may register online at [www.asahperd.org](http://www.asahperd.org) and click on "HPL Summit 2020" or by contacting Dr. Donna Hester by telephone at 205-388-0304 or by email at [dhester@asahperd.org](mailto:dhester@asahperd.org).

We must always be prudent with our time and resources; however, I encourage you to support the attendance of your health and physical educators, if possible. Quality health and physical education programs are more vital today than at any other time in history. By encouraging your teachers to participate in the conference, you are investing not only in your teachers, but your students as well.

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I also encourage you and your building administrators to attend the Administrator Forum.  
Please contact Dr. Hester for more details.

Sincerely,

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State Superintendent of Education

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