



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
 State Superintendent of Education

January 16, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**RE:** Alabama Association of Prevention Attendance and Support Services (AAPASS)  
 Annual Spring Conference and Absenteeism and Truancy Summit

The ultimate goal of public education is to create life-long learners who are prepared for college and careers but, sadly, more than seven million students nationwide are chronically absent from school, making them academically at risk. Starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, chronic absences erode a student's ability to learn and achieve in school. This increases the likelihood that the student will be unable to read by third grade, fail classes in middle school, not graduate on time, or drop out of high school.

Chronic absenteeism accounts for ten percent on the State Report Card. Currently in Alabama, a student is chronically absent if he or she accumulates 15 total absences according to the 2018 Alabama *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) Plan. Although student attendance has increased and efforts are targeted by various stakeholders such as school social workers, attendance officers, nurses, school resource officers, and administrators to reduce excessive absences, there remains a gap. Sessions to address strategies and best practices across the state include: Understanding the State Report Card and Chronic Absenteeism; Building Effective Relationships Educators and Students; Meeting Youth Where They Are; 504 and the new laws; McKinney Vento/Community Involvement; and Strategies to Empower Parents will be available. Mr. Jimmy Casas, author of three books, including *What Connected Educators Do Differently*; *Start. Right. Now: Teach and Lead for Excellence*; and the best-selling book, *Culturize: Every Student. Every Day. Whatever It Takes* will be the keynote address.

The AAPASS Annual Spring Conference and Absenteeism and Truancy Summit will be held on March 13-15, 2019, at the Battle House Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. Please submit the attached registration or complete it online at:

<https://www.clasleaders.org/affiliates/alabama-association-of-prevention-attendance-and-support-services/aapass-upcoming-events/2019/03/13/clas-calendar-of-events/aapass-spring-conference>.

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A block of rooms has been reserved at the Battle House Hotel under reservation code AAPASS.

If you need clarification or have any questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Dr. Kay Atchison Warfield by email at [kaw@alsde.edu](mailto:kaw@alsde.edu), or Ms. Kanetra Germany by email at [kgermany@alsde.edu](mailto:kgermany@alsde.edu), or Ms. Michelle Mitchell at [mmitchell@albertk12.org](mailto:mmitchell@albertk12.org).

EGM/KAW/KM

Attachment

**FY19-2042**



**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF PREVENTION  
ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

**ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY SUMMIT**

**MARCH 13-15, 2019  
BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL, MOBILE, AL**

**PLEASE FILL IN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/System: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle the Appropriate Registration Fee:**

Registration received by February 12, 2019	\$125.00
Late/On-Site Registration	\$200.00

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to AAPASS.  
Mail Registration Form and Payment to:  
AAPASS  
P. O. Box 428  
Montgomery, AL 36101**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Book by February 12, 2019, for AAPASS Rate \$119/night plus tax and parking

Battle House Hotel – 1-866-316-5957  
26 North Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602  
Reservation Code: AAPASS

[Click Here to Book Hotel Online](#)