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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference 2019

The 69th annual Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference (SESPTC) will be held in Rogers, Arkansas, on July 14-17, 2019. The SESPTC annually draws its board of directors and invited delegates exclusively from 14 member states. This conference is the oldest and one of the most prestigious regional conferences concerning school transportation in the nation. Since its inception in 1951, SESPTC participants consistently have been at the forefront of promoting safe and efficient transportation of students. The SESPTC was last hosted by Florida in 2018.

Each SESPTC includes presentations about a number of important transportation topics. The program for 2019 will be no exception. Session topics for 2019 will include reasonable suspicion, information from federal agencies, transporting students with disabilities, recruiting, security issues, and student management. As in the past, break-out sessions will be offered for delegates. In addition, many special events are also planned in association with this event. Two very special parts of the conference are the trade show and the opportunity for delegates to interact with other state and local transportation officials from throughout the southeastern states.

Alabama has strongly supported this conference for many years through its participation and service in leadership positions. SESPTC is, without a doubt, one of the best training sessions offered for local transportation supervisors. Attendance is no longer by invitation only. Thanks to the support of industry sponsors and exhibitors, the cost of attending this conference remains among the lowest for a regional conference and training with delegate pre-registration set at $175 per person, which includes almost all meals. Alabama’s delegation is typically one of the largest. Again this year, we are hoping for a large contingent of delegates and encourage your participation.

If you would like to attend the SESPTC conference, please go on-line to www.sesptc.com to register. If interested, I encourage you to register as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Chad Carpenter, Administrator of Pupil Transportation, at 334-694-4545. Thank you for your continued support of this excellent training opportunity.

EGM/CC/JL

Attachment

cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
Mr. Perry Taylor
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