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**School Board Members and Superintendents to Meet In Savannah**

More than 700 members of local boards of education and superintendents will meet en masse June 20-21, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah for the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Summer Conference and Delegate Assembly. Highlights of general sessions include: session on literacy and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century during the first session from David Warlick; State School Superintendent Kathy Cox will be addressing conferees during the second general session; an overview of the 2008 legislative session; and a motivational message from Simon T. Bailey.

The conference also includes GSBA's Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly is scheduled for Friday, June 20 at 2:45 p.m. This is the association's annual business meeting where delegates from school boards across Georgia adopt the legislative positions of the association and elect new officers. As of Tuesday, June 17, 149 of the 180 school boards in Georgia had registered a delegate to attend the meeting. More are expected to register. There will also be five different Mini Sessions offered concurrently (for conference participants who are not Delegates or who do not wish to attend the Delegate Assembly as observers.).

The conference begins on Friday, June 20, 2008, at 8:45 a.m. and concludes on Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Prior to the conference, hundreds of school board members will convene in Savannah at the Hyatt to fulfill their annual training requirements as outlined in Georgia law. GSBA is offering three workshops so that board members can receive training: The New Board Member Orientation (June 18-19), the Policy Workshop (June 19) and the Communications Workshop (June 19). The Communications Workshop is further divided into three different "Tracks" (See schedule of activities below.)

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**Georgia School Boards Association Summer Conference and Delegate Assembly  
Hyatt Regency, Savannah**

**Agenda At A Glance**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**

*GSBA New Board Member Orientation*

- 11:00 a.m. Registration Begins
- 1:00 p.m. Workshop Begins
- 5:00 p.m. Summary and Adjourn for the Day

**Thursday, June 19, 2008**

*GSBA New Board Member Orientation*

- 8:00 a.m. Workshop Resumes
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Workshop Continues
- 5:00 p.m. Workshop Adjourns

*GSBA Communications Workshop*

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Begins
- 8:30 a.m. Workshop Begins (Choose One of Three Full-Day Tracks)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Tracks Continue
- 4:00 p.m. Workshop Adjourns

*GSBA Policy Workshop*

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Begins
- 9:00 a.m. Workshop Begins
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Workshop Continues
- 4:15 p.m. Workshop Adjourns

**GSBA Summer Conference and Delegate Assembly**

**Friday, June 20, 2008**

- 7:15 a.m. Registration Begins
- 7:30 a.m. Devotional
- 8:45 a.m. First General Session – David Warlick
- 10:45 a.m. Second General Session – Kathy Cox and Sis Henry
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon
- 1:15 p.m. Third General Session
- 2:45 p.m. GSBA Delegate Assembly
- 2:45 p.m. Mini Sessions

**Saturday, June 21, 2008**

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast General Session Begins – Julia Bernath and Simon T. Bailey
- 10:30 a.m. Conference Adjourns

*\* Times and program elements are subject to change.*