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

More than 600 members of local boards of education and superintendents will meet en masse June 12-13, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah for the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Summer Conference and Delegate Assembly. Highlights of general sessions include: Dr. Crystal Kuykendall who will challenge board members to better understand their leadership role; State School Superintendent Kathy Cox who will provide an update on state educational issues; an overview of the 2009 legislative session; and a message from George G. Thompson on school boards as community leaders.

The conference also includes GSBA's Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly is scheduled for Friday, June 12 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 9, 123 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 and do not wish to observe the Delegate Assembly.)

The conference begins on Friday, June 12, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. and concludes on Saturday, June 13 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 10-11), the Policy Workshop (June 11) and the Communications Workshop (June 11). The Communications Workshop will be conducted by the Justice Center of Atlanta this year and will focus on conflict resolution and mediation.

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

**Agenda At A Glance**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

*GSBA New Board Member Orientation*

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

**Thursday, June 11, 2009**

*GSBA New Board Member Orientation*

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

*GSBA Communications Workshop*

- 7:15 a.m. Registration Opens
- 8:30 a.m. Workshop Begins
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Workshop Continues
- 4:00 p.m. Workshop Adjourns

*GSBA Policy Workshop*

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

**GSBA Summer Conference and Delegate Assembly**

**Friday, June 12, 2009**

- 7:15 a.m. Registration Opens
- 7:30 a.m. Voluntary Time of Inspiration
- 8:30 a.m. First General Session – Dr. Crystal Kuykendall
- 10:45 a.m. Second General Session – Kathy Cox
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon
- 1:15 p.m. Third General Session – Sis Henry / Legislative Panel
- 2:45 p.m. GSBA Delegate Assembly
- 2:45 p.m. Mini Sessions
- 4:00 p.m. Delegate Assembly concludes
- 4:00 p.m. Mini Sessions conclude
- 4:15 p.m. GSBA District 7 Meeting

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast General Session Begins – Joseph White and George G. Thompson
- 10:30 a.m. Conference Adjourns

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