

Deputy Superintendent Updates

Contact: [Caitlin McMunn Dooley](#)

GEORGIA SUMMER: HELPING KIDS THRIVE WHEN SCHOOL'S OUT

Every child in Georgia, especially our most vulnerable kids need to eat healthy, stay safe, and continue to learn.



To learn how you can help kids thrive when school's out

- Please visit [GeorgiaSummer.org](#) to find meal assistance, licensed summer programs, summer reading programs, and high-quality resources.
- Visit [Get Georgia Reading](#) for Summer Resources.

Connect with other Georgians by using the hashtag **#SchoolsOutGA** to share your photos and stories.

Look Again. Never leave a child unattended in your vehicle. If you see a child alone in a vehicle, call 911.



MENTAL FITNESS FOR RESILIENCE

"Resilient Georgia" is Georgia's initiative to support families and children as we build resilience to get through this time.



- Watch [GPB Resilient Georgia](#)

GEORGIA'S SUPPORTS FOR EDUCATORS

Looking for guidance as we consider healthy ways to support ourselves and our students?

- Check out the [Restart Guide](#) on getting devices and connectivity in place before the 2020-21 year starts!

Georgia has new opportunities— now more than ever— to close the Homework Gap and get families connected. Schools can help by working with local internet providers.

To learn more about resources specific to digital learning, family supports, and student services

- Visit [GaDOE Coronavirus](#)

Chief of Staff Updates

Contact: [Matt Jones](#)

RE-IMAGINE

Restart... Reentry... Recovery...

Since March, districts and schools have risen to meet the challenges of an unfamiliar and unprecedented situation – preparing/delivering millions of meals and millions of virtual lessons. Beyond educational experts, we have been called upon to become public health experts too.

Partnering with the Governor's Office, we recently launched a set of K-12 restart working groups and are working with the Georgia Department of Public Health to finalize a path for recovery for Georgia's schools – tools, resources, and guidance to assist districts and schools with meeting the challenges of the upcoming school year. We will also be working to extend statewide waivers through the 2020-2021 school year.

Looking at the upcoming school year, consider embracing the term "re-imagine" – this is an opportunity to look at our education system in a whole new way for the betterment of students and teachers. ESEA, NCLB, RT3, and ESSA were all a catalyst for educational change – COVID-19 will be as well. I am confident in the ability of Georgia's educators, parents, and students to meet this challenge.

State Board of Education Updates

The State Board of Education held its May meeting via video conference. Some items of interest include the following:

- **Waivers:** State Superintendent asked the SBOE to adopt [The Resolution](#) regarding his recommendations for waivers from certain state laws, rules, and regulations for all Georgia Local Education Agencies (LEAs), the State Schools, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Corrections for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Reopening Schools:** Superintendent Woods reported to the SBOE that GaDOE, the Governor's Office and the Department of Health are formulating guidance on how to safely reopen schools for 2020-21.
- **Budget:** GaDOE Chief Finance Officer Rusk Roam, shared a memo from the House Appropriations Chair, Senate Appropriations Chair, and OBP Director requiring every agency to prepare for an FY2021 budget program reduction of 14% reduction by May 20, 2020.
- **Keenville:** Contract renewed with the Board of Regents on behalf of The University of Georgia, The Georgia Center for Assessment (GCA) for the maintenance and enhancement of *Keenville*, Georgia's game-based formative assessment for grades 1 and 2.

Director Updates

Contact: [Justin Hill](#)

GACIS/GaDOE RECORDED WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CURRICULUM SUPERVISORS

In response to COVID-19 related statewide school closures, the Georgia Association for Curriculum and Instruction Supervisors (GACIS) and GaDOE's Curriculum and Instruction division conducted two co-sponsored LIVE webinars to share best practices from the field in the areas of grading and summer enrichment.

The following Georgia school systems were spotlighted in the month of May: **Bibb, Decatur Co., Effingham, Fayette, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Houston Lowndes, and Oconee.**

To view the recorded sessions please visit:

- [Grading Policy](#) (Webinar 4/16/20)
- [Grading Policy](#) (Presentation 4/16/20)
- [Summer Enrichment](#) (Webinar 4/30/20)
- [Summer Enrichment](#) (Presentation 4/30/20)

NEW DISTANCE LEARNING INTEGRATED RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS

Curriculum and Instruction's Content Integration Specialists released content (Social Studies, ELA, Math, and Science) specific resources to serve the needs of ALL students participating in distance/virtual learning.

Please visit their new website.

- NEW webpage!
[Integrated Instructional Supports for All Students](#)
- View [Supporting Students with Disabilities for Distance Learning K-5](#)

To access content integrated choice board mini tasks (low tech/no tech), aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence in K-5 English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, please visit:

- View [Accessibility Resources for Teachers While Planning Virtual Learning](#)
- Watch [Virtual Supports for Struggling Learners](#)

GAEL L4GA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Day 1: **August 24**

Day 2 - 3: **September 16-17**

Day 4-5: **February 9-10**

Location: **Macon, GA**

Save your seat! The registration link for the 2020-2021 Georgia Association of Educational Leaders L4GA Leadership Training is now live.

- Visit [L4GA Registration Link](#)



Workshops are presented by Sherry St. Clair, President of Reflective Learning LLC and the author of *Coaching Redefined: A Guide to Leading Meaningful Instructional Growth*.

Some registrants have inquired if you will face a cancellation fee if you fail to receive grant funds this summer. The answer is NO. If your system does not win the grant award in June, GAEL will cancel your registration no questions asked with no penalty through June 30.

GAEL SUMMER CONFERENCE IS STILL ON!

Dates: **July 12-15**

Location: **Jekyll Island**

Register NOW for the 2020 GAEL Summer Conference

The theme this year is Leading Relationships and Relations in 2020.

- [Register Now for GAEL](#)

49th ANNUAL GACIS FALL CONFERENCE

Dates: **September 24-25**

Location: **Classic Center, Athens**

Cost: **\$350**

The registration window is now open for the 2020 GACIS Fall Conference. The Keynote Speaker is Professor John Hattie an award-winning education researcher and best-selling author.

Breakout sessions will include our very own, Dr. Caitlin McMunn Dooley and her team along with Speaker Dr. Julie Smith an activator of learning, leading others in workshops around Professor Hattie's Visible Learning research.

- [Register Now for Fall GACIS](#)



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW! CARES ACT

CARES Act Funding



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, focuses on the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. The CARES Act provides emergency relief to families, business, and local boards of education affected by the virus.

What does this mean for Georgians? Follow these updates by the Georgia Department of Education Division of Federal Programs to find out everything you need to know about the CARES Act.

- Visit [GeoregialInsights Cares Act Funding](#)

Resources for Innovative Programs and Research

DEADLINE EXTENSION! PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING



The deadline for the completion of 2019-2020 PAEMST applications has been extended to October 26.

The state selection of finalists for the award now will take place during the last week of November with the state recommendations being sent to NSF by December 4.

Science Contact: [Juan-Carlos Aquilar](#)

Contact: [Lya Snell](#)

Computer Science

ONLINE COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Date: **June 15-17**

In collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education, Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA), and CS4GA, the Constellations Center for Equity in Computing at Georgia Tech (Constellations) is hosting the inaugural Constellations Virtual Computer Science Professional Development Summit.

The conference is open to educators at all levels in Georgia and neighboring states. There is a separate track for administrators, counselors, and STEM coordinators.

With increased sensitivity and concerns due to the current global pandemic, our objective is to simply move forward together as one and continue supporting our educators with quality opportunities for professional growth. The summit aims to:

- Provide support and resources for educators whether they are experienced or new to computing
- Provide information and resources for educators to begin or strengthen their computer science program.
- [Register](#) today!

Contact: [Bryan Cox](#)

Resources for English Language Arts and Literacy Reading

FREE ELA RESOURCES FOR ONLINE LEARNING

The U.S. Department of Education has a list of FREE resources for all content areas.

Georgia ELA teachers may find these *suggested* resources useful:

- Visit [K-12 at-home learning resources](#)
- Visit [ELA](#)

VIRTUAL SUPPORTS FOR STRUGGLING LEARNERS

The Georgia Department of Education's Content Integration Specialists have created resources to help teachers with struggling learners in the virtual environment.

All resources include supports for ELA:

- View [Virtual Supports for Struggling Students](#)
- Visit [Supporting Students with Disabilities with Distance Learning Choice Boards](#)

DYSLEXIA PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The newest edition of "Dyslexia Professional Learning Opportunities" has been updated.

- Visit [Dyslexia Professional Learning Opportunities](#)
- Visit [Dyslexia](#), Supporting Students with Disabilities and Distance Learning

If you need more information about registering for PLOs, contact the event host.

SUMMER LITERACY GRANT WINNERS!

The Georgia Department of Education awarded a total of \$241,900 to rural school districts to help them expand access to summer literacy programs! Nineteen rural districts received the summer literacy grants, which can be used to create, develop, and implement summer learning initiatives that support literacy education and improve student outcomes in English Language Arts and literacy during the summer months.

Congratulations!

- View [Summer Literacy Grant Winners!](#)

PODCAST: WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

The ELA team has launched a podcast series called What's Your Story.

- Check it out [here](#).

Contact: [Anisha Donald](#)

Resources for Fine Arts Teachers

FINE ARTS PD ONLINE

Exciting news! In response to the current circumstances, the Georgia Department of Education's Fine Arts Department will be offering all Fine Arts professional development ONLINE beginning fall 2020.

Our goal remains the same as we continue to provide subject-specific staff development for Fine Arts teachers across the state of Georgia. We strive to ensure a whole-child education for our students as required by ESSA.

- View the current professional development catalog, [GaDOE Fine Arts Webpage](#)

Be sure to check back often as we add new Fine Arts PD courses for the upcoming year!

Contact: [Jessica Booth](#)

Resources for Mathematics Teachers

REMOTE LEARNING CHATS: A COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO REACH OUR COMMUNITIES

The Computer Science, Mathematics and STEM/STEAM teams are excited to announce a collaboration and partnership to introduce a series of Remote Learning Chats for Educators.

These engaging professional learning sessions provide educators throughout the state with online opportunities to explore new technologies and instructional practices that support effective teaching and learning in computer science, mathematics and STEM/STEAM.

The team facilitated live sessions every Tuesday and Thursday in April, featuring multiple co-facilitators from various schools and districts throughout the state of Georgia. The sessions were in high demand and attracted up to 175 participants on a given session.

- Listen to [Remote Learning Chats](#) held in April.

Base on popular demand, these Remote Learning Chats will return in time for fall semester offering real-time supports for teachers and leaders.

Contact: [Lya Snell](#)

Resources for Science Teachers

SCIENCE RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING



Several resources have been developed for teachers, students and families to support learning at home:

- View [Phenomenal Professional Learning Playlist](#) PL On Demand! 6 short sessions and growing. 1 Long Course via GaLeans.
- View [Sample Learning Menu Strategies for K-12 Science](#).
- View [Science Support for Families During School Closures](#).
- View [Science Support for Students' Learning During School Closures](#).
- View [Self-Care Resources](#): Resources for caring for yourself in the face of difficult work.

Contact: [Amanda Buice](#)

Resources for Social Studies Teachers

PICTURING HISTORY RETREAT CHANGES

Date: **June 17-18, 2021**

We have made the difficult decision to shift our Picturing History Retreat scheduled for June 18-19, 2020. The dates have changed to June 17-18, 2021.

We want to thank you for your love of children's literature and your keen interest in our Picturing History Retreat and look forward to welcoming you to Brasstown Valley next year.

We have always been heartened by the fact that educators of your caliber were willing to participate, and we applaud your dedication and talent. We will need your work more than ever as the nation and world heals.

Contact: [Joy Hatcher](#)

Resources for STEM/STEAM

SAVE THE DATE! SUMMER VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Date: **June 9-12**

Join the Georgia Department of Education STEM/ STEAM Team for four days of engaging learning online. You will have the opportunity to connect with Georgia school leaders, educators, and business and community partners who are engaging students with STEM/ STEAM teaching and learning statewide.



- View session details and registration information on [STEM GEORGIA](#)

Resources for World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives Teachers

WORLD LANGUAGES PODCASTS

The leaders of World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives are excited to present two recent podcasts about the department's work in the area of world languages.

Hosted by GaDOE Specialist, Patrick Wallace:

- Listen to podcasts in [English](#) and [German](#)

7TH ANNUAL GADII WILL BE ONLINE!

Date: **Saturday, August 29**

Time: **9a.m. - 3p.m.**

The largest DLI conference in the southeast is *NOW* accepting proposals for the 7th Annual Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute (GADII). Last year GADII became the largest DLI conference in the southeast.

This year, the conference will be held entirely online and will also feature a DLI Administrator training.

- Submit [online session proposals](#)
- [Register here](#) for GADII FREE conference

Contact: [Patrick Wallace](#)

Resources for School Safety and Climate

SUPPORTING GRIEVING STUDENTS DURING A PANDEMIC



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has left students facing many challenges. How do we help students recover from the effects of the pandemic and support families during these uncertain times?

Listen to the webinar series from Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician and Director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Dr. David Schonfeld to gain insight on supporting students during a pandemic.

March 23

- [Supporting Students and Ourselves During a Pandemic](#)

April 2

- [Talking to and Supporting our Children During the Pandemic](#)

May 5

- [When School Starts Back: Helping Students and Yourself Cope with Crisis and Loss During a Pandemic](#)

May 18

- [When School Starts Back: Helping Students and Yourself Cope with Crisis During a Pandemic \(Part 1\)](#)

May 19

- [When School Starts Back: Supporting Grieving Students During a Pandemic \(Part 2\)](#)

Contact: [Gary McGiboney](#)

Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Update

PEANUT FESTIVAL CONTEST



The education staff at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site is busy planning for the 2020-2021 school year. Mark your calendars for the 2020 Plains Peanut Festival Postcard Contest. We are excited to announce that the theme for this year's contest will be: Plains, Peanuts, and a President... History in a Nutshell.

Even though on-site field trips and in-school Ranger visits might be put on hold for a while, we want to assure you that we will still be available for guided "virtual" tours of our site.

Contact: [Marle Usry](#)

Resources for Nutrition Teachers

SUMMER MEALS FOR GEORGIA STUDENTS

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the extension of three nationwide waivers, giving child nutrition program operators the flexibility they need to continue to feed children while promoting social distancing and keeping families safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout the pandemic, Georgia School Nutrition Programs have used flexibilities provided by USDA to find creative ways to keep Georgia students fed, such as setting up drive-thru pick-ups and delivering meals on bus routes. With the waiver extension, these innovative models can continue, without interruption, until August 30.

To locate school meal sites near you:

- Check local school district's websites
- Access [FoodFinder](#) or download the app "FoodFinder – Fighting Hunger".
- Text "food" to 87787
- Use the hashtag **#KeepGAFed**

Contact: [Kelley Toon](#)

Resources for Talent Development

INDUCTION TIPS

The GaDOE Induction Guidance provides a comprehensive, coherent, sustainable teacher and leader induction model for Georgia districts that requires an investment from all stakeholders to ensure teacher/leader effectiveness. Collectively, the domains of the GaDOE Induction Guidance provide multiple layers and types of support for induction phase educators and their mentors.

The purpose of the GaDOE Induction Guidance is to provide Georgia districts and schools guidance in the creation, implementation, and sustainability of a quality teacher and leader induction program. Programs that support not only retention, but also the induction phase educator's growth, thereby increasing student learning and growth.

Questions to consider in preparation for Just in Time Support for 2020-21

Do all stakeholders know their roles and responsibilities to ensure a high-quality induction program is developed and implemented? (GaDOE Induction Guidance Roles and Responsibilities Domain)

Have all induction phase educators been assigned a mentor? (GaDOE Induction Guidance Mentoring Domain)

What "Just in Time" supports need to be communicated during orientation? (GaDOE Induction Orientation Domain)

Please contact [Kathy Reese](#) for Leader Induction Support and [Karen Wyler](#) for Teacher Induction Support.

We look forward to hearing how we can best support your next steps.

Contact: [Kathy Reese](#)

Resources for Georgia Virtual School

SERVING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN YOUR DISTRICT



Georgia schools, closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, are seeking innovative strategies to help their teachers continue instruction through the use of remote learning strategies.

Georgia Virtual is committed to helping all schools and their staff by providing digital resource and professional development opportunities. Additionally, a Credit Recovery Mastery Program has been launched, and Georgia Virtual School's summer semester will start on June 1.

Georgia Virtual Professional Development

- [Digital Learning Days](#) introduces educators to digital learning basics.
- [Online Support for Special Needs](#) introduces teachers to meeting the online needs of students with special needs.
- [Introduction for Synchronous Learning](#) introduces educators to best practices with synchronous learning tools.
- [Mastery Completion](#) is available for schools to enroll students who need to demonstrate success in Georgia Performance Standards in order to earn credit towards graduation.
- [Summer Semester Course Offerings](#) are available now.

Please contact Margaret Thomas if Georgia Virtual Learning can assist in serving the teachers and students in your district.

- [Georgialnsights Cares Act](#)
- Visit [Georgia Virtual Course Catalog](#)

Contact: [Margaret Thomas](#)

NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

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The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards wants to shine a light on extraordinary leadership. Policy leaders are encouraged to help us recognize the ways teachers are leading during this challenging time.

- Visit [NPTBS COVID Teacher Leadership](#)
- Visit FREE [National Board Teacher Helping Teachers: Core Connections Webinars](#)
- Use the hashtag **#thankGAteacher** to share and see videos posted by Georgia educators.