

**Georgia School Superintendents Association
Fall Bootstrap Conference
October 22 - 23, 2014
Classic Center, Athens, Georgia**

Wednesday, October 22

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens – *Thomas Street Lobby Area*
- 8:30 a.m. Coaching Update – Debra Harden - *Olympia Ballroom*
- 9:00 a.m. Metro RESA – Board of Control Meeting – *Athena D*
- 10:00 a.m. **General session I: Politics in Education – *Athena F - J***

Clarke County Fine Arts Program – Student Performance

GSSA President Jody Barrow welcomes members and guests to the conference and recognizes sponsors and other special guests.
- 10:15 a.m. Jason Carter – Democratic Candidate for Governor
- 10:30 a.m. **Keynote Speaker: George Thompson**
George Thompson is a former Superintendent of Gwinnett County Schools and has headed up the Schlechty Center for many years. George is passionate about the important role of public education in a democracy. He believes that leadership from the boardroom to the classroom is the key to transforming schools from bureaucracies into learning organizations.
- Noon **GSSA Awards Luncheon – *Athena B, C and E***
The four finalists for the 2011 Superintendent of the Year Award will be recognized, and the winner of the prestigious Bill Barr Leadership Award will be announced.
- 1:30 p.m. **General Session II: The IE2 Option for School Systems**
Retired Rabun County Superintendent Matt Arthur and Laverne Beck, Rabun County Assistant Superintendent will present on the value of IE2 as an option for school systems.
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**

- 2:45 p.m. **General Session III: Candidates Speak – *Athena F- J***
- Valerie Wilson – Democratic Candidate for State Superintendent – *approx. 20 mins.*
- Richard Woods – Republican Candidate for State Superintendent – *approx. 20 mins.*
- Andrew Hunt – Libertarian Candidate for Governor – *approx. 20mins*
- 3:45 p.m. **GSSA New Superintendents Recognition – Curtis Jones**
- 4:00 p.m. **President’s Reception – *Olympia Ballroom***
All conference attendees are invited to this reception honoring new superintendents and those who are retiring.

Thursday, October 23

- 7:30 a.m. **GSSA Breakfast and General Business Meeting – *Athena B, C and E***
Conference attendees are invited to enjoy a buffet breakfast, network with colleagues, and participate in the Association’s business meeting.
- 8:15a.m. West Georgia RESA – Board of Control Meeting – ***Athena D***
- 9:00 a.m. **General Session IV: GaDOE News – *Athena F - J***
GSSA president-elect Curtis Jones presides and welcomes State Superintendent John Barge and members of his staff at the Department of Education.
- 10:00 a.m. **General Session V: Legal Updates – *Athena F - J***
News from the legal front will be presented by GSSA’s long-time friends from the law firm of Harben, Hartley, and Hawkins.
- 11:30 a.m. Governor Nathan Deal
- 12: 00 Noon Conference adjournment
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon for afternoon meeting attendees – ***Athena A***
- 1:00 p.m. RESA Director’s meeting – ***Athena D***
- 1:00 p.m. Post-conference golf tournament sponsored by American Fidelity Assurance Company and Friends – University of Georgia Course