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AETC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF HELPING ALABAMA EDUCATORS SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

Montgomery, Ala. – The Alabama Educational Technology Conference (AETC) is celebrating 20 years of providing educators from across the state with invaluable tools and information to enhance their use of technology in Alabama’s classrooms. This milestone year conference, “Reelin’ in the Years,” will be hosted at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) from June 7-9, 2016.

During the three full days of professional development, educators can choose from in-depth, hands-on workshops (Tuesday-Thursday) or a smorgasbord of one-hour concurrent sessions (Wednesday-Thursday) led by nationally known visionaries in the technology field and by Alabama practitioners with classroom-tested strategies across the curriculum. For additional details about the conference, visit http://alex.state.al.us/aetc.

Who Should Attend?
Classroom Teachers, Technology Coordinators, Administrators, School Board Members, Media Specialists, Principals, Curriculum Specialists, Superintendents, Business Leaders, and Higher Education/Postsecondary Educators.

This an opportunity to:
- Learn from the experts and visionaries in the field of educational technology.
- Network with peers from around the state.
- Discover creative ways to meet instructional needs in the classroom, school, and system.

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Highlights of the Conference

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:** The AETC is excited to have nationally known speakers Tony Vincent and Leslie Fisher participating this year. These speakers are top notch in the field of educational technology and bring a fresh new perspective to technology in our classrooms.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS:** Meet people who face the same challenges you do AND have found answers they are willing to share. Over 140 concurrent sessions will be offered throughout the conference.

**WORKSHOPS:** Back again this year are the popular hands-on workshops and “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) workshops. Head back to school with renewed confidence and enhanced skills in technology by participating in hands-on, “how-to” workshops in fully-equipped labs. This year you do not need a ticket for the June 8 and June 9 workshops. Simply choose the session you would like to attend and go to that room.

**EXHIBIT HALL:** Come see one of the largest technology vendor shows held in Alabama showcasing state-of-the-art hardware, software, and uses of technology. Participants will have an opportunity to preview the latest and greatest in educational technology. New this year is the Student Showcase in East Exhibition Hall 1 from 1-3 p.m. on June 8 and June 9. Come share with the students as they demonstrate their activities.

**LET’S GET CONNECTED:** The AETC goal is for participants to take an active role in the social media realm! Click to view our Facebook page (and “like” us) or follow @AETC_Alabama on Twitter. Please join in the conversation by following, sharing information and links, tweeting (using the #AETC2016 hashtag), retweeting, and being fully engaged with us via social media. Also, the conference app is available for the iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. Download the PSAV app in the Apple Store and Google Play Store, then click on AETC and enter the Event Code: aetc2016.

To learn more, contact Terry Atchison, Conference Coordinator, tatchison@alsde.edu; Co-Coordinator – Planning, Donna Fuller, dfuller@alsde.edu; or Co-Coordinator – Logistics, Joan Greene-Fisher, jgreene-fisher@alsde.edu.

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