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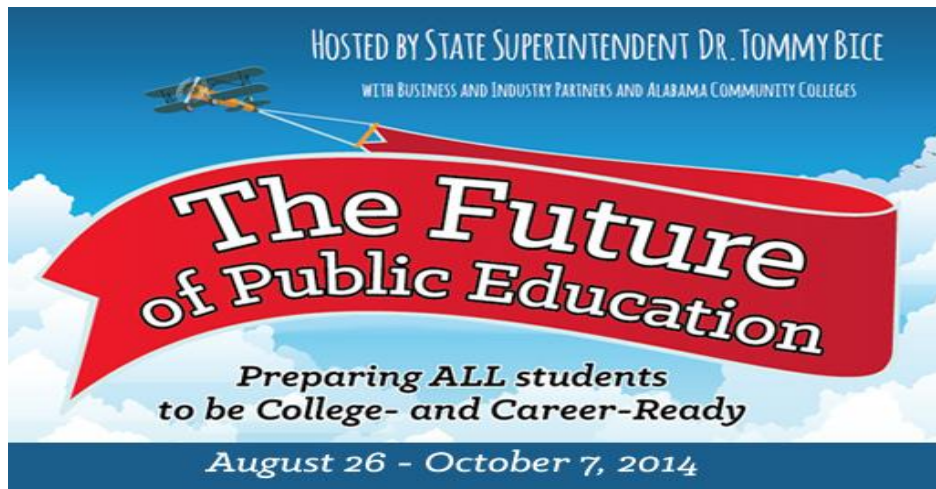


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THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TOUR DATES ANNOUNCED
State Superintendent Dr. Tommy Bice to Discuss Initiatives that are Transforming Learning in Alabama's Classrooms



Montgomery, Ala. – The Alabama State Department of Education today announced the dates and locations for “[The Future of Public Education](#)” tour. Hosted by State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tommy Bice, the 12-stop tour will highlight important topics for students and families in Alabama, including [PLAN 2020](#), the [Alabama College- and Career-Ready Standards](#), student testing, accountability, and the importance of parental and community involvement.

“[PLAN 2020](#) is transforming our classrooms into learning environments where instruction is individualized and personalized in order to better prepare our students to be college or career ready when they graduate from high school,” Bice said. “We are no longer preparing children to take a test, rather, we are teaching them how to think and solve problems using real world application. In essence, we are redefining the high school graduate.”

In addition, Bice said, “[PLAN 2020](#) is shaping education reform in our state by identifying problems with specific schools and developing plans of action to address those unique situations; evaluating teacher and principal effectiveness; and providing support and/or corrective measures when needed.”

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“I am looking forward to visiting with members of communities throughout the state to share, firsthand, the great work educators and students are doing and discussing the exciting work taking place in the 2014-2015 school year and beyond.”

“[The Future of Public Education](#)” tour will include stops at schools in each of the eight State Board of Education board districts, kicking off at Lee High School, 2500 Meridian Street, in Huntsville, on Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Presentations will be made from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., followed by a question and answer session from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. During each visit, Dr. Bice will be joined by business and industry partners and representatives from Alabama’s Community Colleges, as well as other education stakeholders.

Following is a list of the tour dates and stops. For maps of school locations and other information, click [here](#):

Date	Location
Tuesday, Aug. 26	Lee High School , 2500 Meridian Street, Huntsville, 35811
Thursday, Aug. 28	Demopolis High School , 701 U.S. 80, Demopolis, 36732
Tuesday, Sept. 2	Opelika Middle School , 1206 Denson Drive, Opelika, 36801
Thursday, Sept. 4	George Washington Carver High School , 3900 24th Street North, Birmingham, 35207
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Carver High School , 2001 W. Fairview Avenue, Montgomery, 36108
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Florence High School , 1201 Bradshaw Drive, Florence, 35634
Thursday, Sept. 18	Dothan High School , 1236 South Oates Street, Dothan, 36301
Tuesday, Sept. 23	Tuscaloosa Career & Technology Academy , 2800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, 35401
Thursday, Sept. 25	Helena High School , 1310 Hillsboro Parkway, Helena, 3508

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Tuesday, Sept. 30	Selma High School , 2180 Broad Street, Selma, 36701
Thursday, Oct. 2	Baker High School , 8901 Airport Boulevard, Mobile, AL 36608
Tuesday, Oct. 7	Jacksonville High School , 1000 George Douthit Drive SW, Jacksonville, 36265

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