



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Thomas R. Bice  
State Superintendent of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education  
**FROM:** Thomas R. Bice *TRB*  
State Superintendent of Education  
**RE:** 2015 Joint Leadership Development Conference

The Joint Leadership Development Conference (JLDC) is the largest non-athletic gathering of youth for an educational purpose in the state of Alabama. The event focuses on preparing students for leadership, career opportunities, and college success. Students enrolled in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) programs, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), and Jobs for Alabama's Graduates (JAG) take part in this event. Students attending the JLDC this year will participate in leadership workshops and interact with over 100 representatives from businesses and industries that operate in Alabama. These representatives will showcase and inform students of career opportunities in all 16 Career and Technical Education (CTE) career clusters. Additionally, a workforce and economic development component has been added to enlighten school leaders of Alabama's workforce needs and the economic impact of a skilled workforce.

The JLDC will be held on October 19-20, 2015, at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex. I want to extend a personal invitation to each of you to participate in a panel discussion regarding career readiness with business and industry leaders in Alabama on October 20, 2015, in the East Ballroom from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. You may register for the conference at <https://trileadership.wufoo.com/forms/ru3ged70sz60dc/> by October 2, 2015. Additionally, to receive the JLDC rate of \$99.00 per night, you may secure accommodations at the Birmingham Sheraton Hotel by registering at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/jlhc2015>. The full conference agenda is available at [www.alabamajlhc.org](http://www.alabamajlhc.org).

I look forward to seeing each of you in Birmingham at the 2015 JLDC. Mr. Craig Collins will be glad to assist you concerning any matter relating to this event. Please contact him at (334) 353-8387 or by e-mail at [ccollins@alsde.edu](mailto:ccollins@alsde.edu).

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