



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



Michael Sentance  
 State Superintendent of Education

October 3, 2016

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Michael Sentance *MS*  
 State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** 2016 Joint Leadership Development Conference

The Joint Leadership Development Conference (JLDC) is the largest non-athletic gathering of youth for an educational and workforce development 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 17-18, 2016, at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex. I want to extend a personal invitation to each of you to participate in a workforce development panel discussion centered on Alabama's industry needs on October 18, 2016, in the East Ballroom from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The panel discussion will be facilitated by Joshua J. Laney, Education Administrator, Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, featuring Ed Castile, Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Fitzgerald Washington, Secretary of the Department of Labor; and Leslie Sanders, Vice President of Alabama Power's Southern Division.

The conference, registration is complimentary for you, but you must register at: <https://trileadership.wufoo.com/forms/ru3ged70sz60dc/> by October 7, 2016. Additionally, to receive the JLDC rate of \$99.00 per night, you may secure accommodations at the Birmingham Sheraton Hotel by registering at the Web site listed below:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1607119759&key=2775783>. You may view the full conference agenda by visiting [www.alabamajlhc.org](http://www.alabamajlhc.org).

I look forward to seeing each of you in Birmingham at the 2016 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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