



WELCOME



Plans are being made for the 2010 Conference. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to visit our website at <http://www.gsisusers.org> and look around. You can go to the CONTACT US page and see each of the Board Member's email address. Please send us any suggestions or comments. We covet your opinions.

Many, if not all of us, are dealing with massive changes within our School Systems. Changes such as converting to new SIS software, Budget Cuts, Staff Reductions, etc. are forcing many of us to learn new things. There is NO better way to be exposed to so much information than the GSIS Conference.

This year, we anticipate a lower turnout due to the System budget cuts, but we are determined to provide the best GSIS Conference possible. We are looking at making changes that will help us to reduce expenses, even though expenses have gone up everywhere. As you will see, we actually REDUCED our Registration Fee (if you meet the Early Bird deadline). This year your registration could be as low as \$150. We hope this helps many of you to convince your Budget makers to allow you to attend this year's conference. So please take advantage of the Early Bird and Register today then follow up with your Budget Office to get the payment or purchase order turned in before the December 31 Deadline.

Again, thank you for your support and attendance of previous conferences. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other GSIS Board Members.

[Hubert Bennett](#)

Moving Forward through Change

It is time once again to begin making plans to attend the annual Georgia Student Information Systems (GSIS) Users Group Conference. This year's conference will take place on February 1-2, 2010 in beautiful, riverfront Savannah. Even with the poor economic conditions the GSIS conference in 2009 was attended by over 500 users of student information systems from around the state, and we look forward to a return to much higher attendance this year.

Whether you are an experienced user of your SIS, are looking for a new SIS, or are in those scary early days of implementation, the GSIS conference is the place to be! Learn practical advice from experienced USERS who have been where you are! Gain unique perspectives to common problems! Enjoy the opportunity to communicate directly with staff on state reporting issues! Tips on usage of common applications such as Word, Excel, and Outlook! And, of course, enjoy your evenings in exciting, downtown Savannah, just a short ferry ride away.

To register for Conference click the following link:

<http://www.gsisusers.org/LogInConference.asp>

Early Bird Rate of \$150.00 is still available.

Payment must be postmarked or PO# submitted by 12/31/2009 to receive Early Bird rate.

Payment of Early Bird Discount is the sole responsibility of School Systems' Business Offices to remit the correct payment amount.

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*GSIS User Group Federal EIN (Tax Identification Number): 37-1576837

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be made prior to January 1, 2010.
All Cancellations will be subject to a \$50 Administrative Fee.

All requests for a Refund should be made to the [REGISTRAR](#):
Registration Transfers (substitutions) are available thru Jan 31st, 2010



[The Westin Savannah Harbor](#)
1 Resort Drive, Savannah, GA
31421, Phone: (912) 201-2000

The objective of the Georgia Student Information Systems (GSIS) Users Group shall be to promote these purposes:

- To serve as a forum for information exchange regarding the state Student Information System and its use in schools in Georgia.
- To provide a vehicle for workshops about GSIS user techniques and about GSIS enhancements.
- To provide a forum for a united voice regarding software development.
- To provide a vehicle for the exchange of information, ideas, and needs between the end users of the GSIS software, the State Department of Education, and state-approved software vendors.