

Hello All,

The Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit, in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Education, is inviting schools, community-based organizations, and education stakeholders from across the state to submit proposals for the Office of School Improvement's Convening. Our theme this year is "***From Disruption to Opportunity.***" The focus of the conference will be Social/Emotional Learning and Supporting Students with Disabilities. This virtual conference will be held **January 25-27, 2021.**

Conference Goals

The goal of the conference is to engage the participants in a series of interactive and informational virtual sessions that explore instructional and leadership practices to support educators and leaders of schools and districts that are identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), and Schools At-Risk (SAR).

We are excited to provide a platform for the great work that is occurring in schools and classrooms across the state during this time of opportunity. As such, each session should share strategies that showcase the importance of social and emotional well-being during virtual, hybrid, and traditional school settings. We are also requesting that proposals for breakout sessions increase participants' capacity to dive deeper into helping students with disabilities during this unprecedented time.

Conference Details

- Due to COVID-19, this year's conference will be held in a virtual format.
- Each concurrent session will be 60 minutes in length.

Proposal Requirements and Submission

Please click the following link to submit proposals:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OSI2021>

The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, October 30, 2020.

- Proposals should address one or more of the following:
- Integrating strategies to support social and emotional learning
- Supporting students with disabilities
- Meeting the needs of students in virtual, hybrid, and/or traditional school settings
- Exploring instructional practices
- Exploring leadership practices

Thank you for all that you do for the students in Mississippi! If you have questions, please contact Ginny Sanders at gabby.sanders@rcu.msstate.edu or Noleen Clark at nclark@mdek12.org.