

June 15, 2020

To Our GaETC Family of Attendees, Exhibitors, Sponsors and Volunteers,

Our goal is to provide you with options for participating in GaETC that meet your needs from a health and safety perspective as well as recognizing the budget constraints which school districts in Georgia are currently facing. GaETC will hold a face to face conference November 4-6, 2020 (more about that below) and we are establishing a new feature of the conference: **GaETC Connect**, a virtual event opportunity.

This year's conference will look very different from previous conferences. In partnership with the Georgia International Convention Center and Marriott, we are putting in place practices based on the most up to date guidance from [CDC](#), [Governor Brian Kemp's Office](#), and [Georgia Department of Health](#). We will continue to evaluate necessary changes up until and throughout the conference.

Here's what we know today:

- We will maximize the number of attendees to the extent allowed to ensure social distancing practices are possible in all facilities.
- We are changing the layout of our exhibit hall to provide more space between booths.
- Our facility partners will be cleaning high touch surfaces frequently and we'll be rotating the use of event space to allow for cleaning between uses.
- Food offerings will be radically different (no buffets, self-service coffee breaks, etc)
- Sadly, we will be unable to hold a face to face Wednesday night reception this year. (*Look for announcements about a virtual gathering opportunity*).

We know you must have lots of questions and we want to hear from you. **Please email us at info@gaetc.org**. We'll take those questions and add information to our [website](#), as well as share via social media.

GaETC Connect will be available for free to those who register for the annual conference and will be available for those who do not attend for a separate registration fee of \$25. (A few additional premium sessions will be an additional fee). The details for **GaETC Connect** will be made available via the website and social media.

The steering committee is working hard to ensure that the same quality programming is available this year both in person and online. The Georgia Educational Technology Consortium and GaETC Steering Committee thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

Jill Hobson, GaETC Conference Chair and Georgia Educational Technology Consortium Board Member

