

Virtual Meeting
State Social Studies Directors
Coordinated by GaDOE Social Studies Division
Friday March 20, 2020

- I. Welcome & Introductions

- II. Georgia Counts – Michelle Barclay
 - A. Three Civic Holidays/Initiatives Recognized
 - 1. Law Day
 - a. Occurs on May 1st
 - b. The American Bar Association (ABA) selects an annual theme and this year it is the Centennial Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment
 - 2. Constitution Day
 - a. Occurs on September 17th
 - b. Lots of resources online
 - 3. iCivics Initiative
 - a. Supported by the State Bar of Georgia
 - b. iCivics gives students the necessary tools to learn about and participate in civic life, and teachers the materials and support to achieve this goal. The free resources on [iCivics.org](https://www.icivics.org) include print-and-go lesson plans, interactive digital tools and award-winning games. iCivics teaches students how government works by having them experience it directly.

- III. Joint Project between GaDOE & GPB – Justin Hill
 - A. Georgia Home Classroom at <https://www.gpb.org/education/learn>
 - B. Resources correlated with GSE in Science and Social Studies
 - C. Only PK-5th Grade resources available current, but they are working on 6-12 resources
 - D. Project Synopsis: Georgia schools are closed due to the [coronavirus](#) (COVID-19) outbreak, causing thousands of students to be without access to educational instruction. As part of the public media mission to ensure all kids have access to continued free educational resources at home, GPB, in partnership with [Georgia Department of Education](#) (GaDOE), is offering broadcast programming and accompanying digital resources that adhere to Georgia’s state standards to provide continued at-home learning.

- IV. State Bar of Georgia – Deborah Crayton
 - A. The Law Museum

1. Online access at thelawmuseum.org
 - B. Live Binder
 1. FREE virtual law binder that teachers can access
 2. Covers some of the most well-known cases
 3. Organized into electronic binders per grade level; More resources currently available for 6-12, but there are some binders for elementary teachers
 4. Updated daily
 5. Links to other resources
 6. Students can take quizzes on content and earn certificates
 - C. Museum Visits
 1. Law-related Education program
 2. Field Trips can be scheduled
- V. Georgia Center for Civic Engagement – Randall Trammell & Angela Hargis
- A. New 8th Grade Pilot program
 1. Focuses more on the government strand of Georgia History
 2. Brings concepts to life
 3. Currently piloted in a few districts around the state
 - B. Trip to Presidential Inauguration 2020
 1. 600 student-limit
 2. For each bus filled, the center will donate \$1,000 to the Georgia Council for the Social Studies
 - C. Miscellaneous
 1. Contact Randall about Honor Society cords
- VI. Georgia Council for the Social Studies (GCSS) – Eddie Bennett, Executive Director
- A. GCSS Annual Conference will be held again in Athens at the Classic Center and registration is now open on the GCSS website
 1. The conference is scheduled for October 22-23 which is two weeks later this year than in the past
 2. Presentation proposals are now being accepted and will be until April 30th
 3. Please encourage some of your K-5 teachers to present, especially those strong in Social Studies instruction
 4. JoAnn Wood will present during the conferment on the 19th Amendment
 5. Holocaust Survivor will speak during the conference
 6. Be looking for the handout “Top 10 Reasons to Attend the GCSS Conference”
 - B. GCSS Social Studies Fair – Sharon Coleman
 1. An online fair is now offered
 2. Students may use basic programs like Word, PowerPoint and e-mail
 3. All entries are due on March 31st
 4. Please check out the GCSS website for more information

- VII. Georgia Council for Economic Education (GCEE) – Angie Battle
 - A. The GCEE was able to provide PL for approximately 869 teachers this semester
 - B. Upcoming Annual Meeting for April 22nd will probably be cancelled, but there is no definite decision been made yet
 - C. Stock Market Game Awards Luncheon is still set for May 6th in Atlanta; GCEE needs volunteers for this event which will be held at the Fox Theater
 - D. AP Economics Summer Institute coming up this summer for teachers in grades 9-12 and to be held at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta
 - 1. \$715 registration fee for all 5 days
 - 2. Go to GCEE website for more information
 - E. Please let Brett know at NGRESA or the GCEE directly of any requests your schools and/or districts have for 2020-2021 PL requests which will be accepted through May 15th
 - F. New workshops coming up for Grades 4/5, 6/7, 8th, and U.S. History and Economics for high school
 - G. GCEE's first virtual workshop "Macro Economics in the News" was being held today (3/25/20); More to come soon
 - H. Also, the group has a lot of information on Twitter so be sure to check it out!

- VIII. Georgia Humanities – Jess Burke
 - A. Information from this group is shared on Facebook
 - B. New Georgia Encyclopedia with content and context worksheets available in PDF form with teacher pages; This source also has a Spotify page
 - C. National History Day – Today (3/25/20) – Group will begin to have virtual classrooms

- IX. Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Education Program– Marle Usry
 - A. Be sure to check out their website at <https://www.nps.gov/jica/learn/education/education-program-partnership.htm>
 - B. All sorts of educational links can be found on the website
 - 1. Can take a tour of the Carter farm
 - 2. Lots of virtual resources available

- X. GaDOE Updates – JoAnn, Joy, & Jennifer
 - A. Weekly webinars from the "Triple J" team called "Ideas Ready to Use"
 - 1. 10 minutes or less
 - 2. Link on Social Studies program page on DOE website or access it by clicking <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Social-Studies.aspx>

3. Held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12
 4. Increase in total number of viewers for Social Studies webinars last week
 5. Upcoming Leadership webinar coming up on April 15th; Registration link available soon (Zoom)
- B. Historical Literacy Updates
1. Will be held on June 18-19 at Brasstown Valley Resort
 2. Registration is open
 3. Theme is “We Can Do It: Riveting Ideas for Literacy Integration” in honor of the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment
 4. Survey results from last year’s event were very positive overall
- C. Joint Project with National Geographic
1. Called “Geo-Inquiry and the Art of Storytelling”
 2. Cross-curricular with Social Studies, Science and Art
- D. Budget Cuts
1. Due in part to Math standards revisions
 2. 6%+ cut coming
 3. Virtual Specialist(s) is almost half of budget
 4. Welcome feedback on what is going well, not so well, okay, etc.; This feedback is great documentation for the team on their overall performance

***Be sure to check out resources for virtual learning on edweb.net. Simply go to their web page to join!**