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**Subject: Message #93: Computer Science Leadership Summit**

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**To: [ccss@list.state.ar.us](mailto:ccss@list.state.ar.us)**

**From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit**

Dear Arkansas Educators:

You are invited to participate in the second annual Arkansas Computer Science Leadership Summit 2.0, which will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts (ASMSA), 200 Whittington, Hot Springs, AR. The theme is "Building and Sustaining Computer Science-Powering Minds, Businesses, and Communities". If you are interested in finding engaging ways to improve computer science and information technology education in Arkansas, please plan to attend.

Governor Asa Hutchinson promotes improving computer science education as one of the cornerstones of STEM education which will foster learning and will be a catalyst for the Arkansas economy. It is imperative that we join together to form business-education partnerships that will stimulate computer science learning and economic development. The registration cost to attend is \$50, which includes lunch and conference material. If you are not able to attend, feel free to send someone in your place. The registration fee is waived for presenters. Please feel free to forward this invitation to others who would be interested in Computer Science. Everyone must register at the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ynypQg6HAKB146mTX6dgYNcZlgQRtjj6geQpaHoOcNs/viewform>

This meeting is sponsored and organized by the Arkansas STEM Coalition, the Arkansas Computer Science Teachers Association, the Arkansas Academy of Computing, and several businesses and other Computer Science supporters. The agenda will help to identify and clarify policies, practices, professional

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development and teacher licensure concerning computerscience. Please click on the link to register and please submit your registration by October 5th. If you cannot click on the link, please copy. it and paste it into your browser and hit enter to access the link. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting at ASMSA on October 8th.

The agenda includes sessions on what and how to offer computer science courses in your school district, the role business partnerships play in the computer science initiative, cyber-security, developing the computer science pipeline through higher education, and a report from the Computer Science Task Force. Parking is free.

Please call me at 501-690-1518 or email me at [director@arkansasstemcoalition.com](mailto:director@arkansasstemcoalition.com)<<mailto:director@arkansasstemcoalition.com>. if you have any questions about the Computer Science Leadership Summit at ASMSA in Hot Springs on October 8th. In addition, feel free to email Mr. Carl Frank, President of the Arkansas Computer Science Teachers Association, at [frankc@asmsa.org](mailto:frankc@asmsa.org)<<mailto:frankc@asmsa.org>> or call 501-860-0141.

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