



## LA Association of School Transportation Officials

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Dear Colleagues,

The Louisiana Association of School Transportation Officials (LASTO) is happy to announce that registration is now open for our 2023 Annual Spring Conference. This year, our conference will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2023, thru Friday, March 31, 2023, at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, LA. If you are not familiar with LASTO, we are an organization consisting of School Transportation leaders from across Louisiana. Our purpose is to provide a forum for those engaged in the Business Administration of pupil transportation in the State of Louisiana to meet, discuss, and study all phases of pupil transportation.

LASTO cooperates with other organizations for the betterment of public education and strives continuously for the highest standards of ethics, efficiency, and economy in business methods and practices. The organization works to improve the quality of School Transportation Officials seeking support for transportation efforts from public officials at all levels of government.

Membership consists of persons employed in the administration of pupil transportation for public school districts in Louisiana, officials of the State Department of Education, members of faculty and staff of various colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the State of Louisiana who are particularly interested in or concerned with pupil transportation. Associate membership consists of employees of businesses and industries, private consultants, Louisiana School Bus Operators Association, parish and city school superintendents, school transportation staff, persons employed with Head Start, parochial and private school districts in Louisiana.

This organization strives to stay abreast of laws, policies, and procedures to keep all members informed. We assist new supervisors and directors of transportation and each other in the daily duties of school transportation. There is a wealth of knowledge within this organization and the annual conference allows us to gather and share this knowledge with members and vendors.

Vendors are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the annual LASTO Conference to promote their services and products and stay abreast of current trends and issues facing their customer base. This allows vendors to share solutions and services that enhance student transportation services as soon as they are available. There will be Transportation Supervisors and Directors from around Louisiana in attendance, and this is an excellent opportunity to meet them in person to show and demonstrate services, products, and equipment.

Sincerely,

**Chikita Queen-Wisham**

President