

# Managing Your Facilities

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Dear NSPMA Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! With the upcoming conference, improvements to our facilities, successes of our school systems, and the successes of our students, it's a great time to be an educational institution facility leader. The NSPMA Executive Board, with the help and collaboration of the LSFMA Executive Board, continues to work on

the planning of the 2019 NSPMA & LSFMA Joint Spring Conference and Expo. the planning of the 2019 NSPMA & LSFMA Joint Spring Conference and Expo. We are elated to announce our theme for this year's conference at this time. The theme for the conference this year is Faisons- le pour les enfants! The English translation of this French saying is Let's do it for the children! We are all extremely fortunate and blessed to have a professional impact on their performance.

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## 2019 National School Plant Management Association Facility Masters Conference and Trade Show

### Attention All K-12 Facility Directors and Interested Vendors!

**WHAT:** NSPMA & LSFMA Joint Conference and Expo

**WHERE:** Baton Rouge, LA, L'Auberge Casino, Hotel, & Conference Center

**WHEN:** February 24-27, 2019

This national event offers first class presentations, a two-day trade show expo with optimal networking opportunities for K-12 facility managers, directors, custodial service attendees from across the country. Don't wait too long to register as the deadline to make your hotel accommodations is February 9th!

[\(Click Here For Conference Registration Details\)](#)

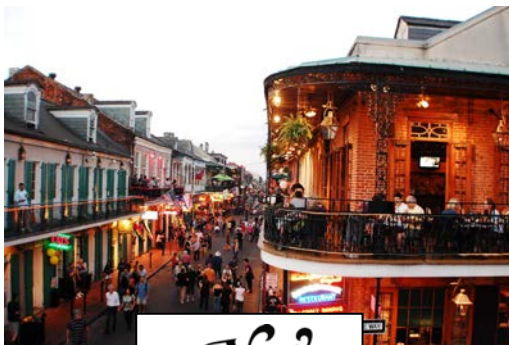
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The focus of the conference program will be on topics and speakers that will have an impact on the learning environment of students.

We are excited to share an update on the ongoing plans for our annual conference. The NSPMA and the LSFMA have collaborated and created a partnership agreement to host a joint conference. The 2019 LSFMA & NSPMA Joint Spring Conference & Expo will be held at the L'Auberge Casino, Hotel, and Conference Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 24th-27th, 2019. We anticipate a large and diverse attendee and vendor representation from across the nation.

The joint conference & expo will feature facility specific training sessions, product and service demonstrations, a trade show, dynamic guest speakers, hospitality events, and a formal awards banquet. The conference dates were strategically selected as they fall in the week preceding the world famous Louisiana Mardi Gras Celebration.

To date, the conference program has been drafted, speakers are being scheduled, our vendor sponsorship and booth package has been finalized, registration has opened, and



*New Orleans*

we are experiencing high volume registration for members and vendors.

Our January 1st registration report indicates we currently have over 70 member registrations and over 40 vendor registrations. Once again, the conference dates are February 24-27, 2019. There are many more details to come, but please REGISTER NOW as space is LIMITED and we anticipate SELLING OUT our vendor hall and FULLY BOOKING our hotel room allotment. The DEADLINE to receive the special conference rate for hotel rooms (with breakfast included) is February 9th, 2019.

Also, please visit our website:

[www.nspma.org](http://www.nspma.org) for any updates and information regarding the NSPMA. I hope you continue to have an enjoyable and safe school year!

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Sunday (February 24th)			
Start	End	Location	
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Event Center (Prefunction Space)	<b>Conference Check-In</b>
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Hotel Board Room	<b>LSFMA Executive Board Meeting</b>
3:00 PM	TBD	Ballroom B and C	<b>Early Vendor Setup</b>
4:00 PM	7:00 PM	Pool Side 12th Floor of Hotel	<b>Social Network Event</b> <b>(Open to NSPMA Attendees and All Sponsors)</b> - Social Mixer - Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and Open Bar - Come meet your NSPMA Board Members
7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Chatsworth	<b>NSPMA Board of Directors Dinner/Pre Conference Meeting</b>
Monday (February 25th)			
Start	End	Location	
7:00 AM	3:00 PM	Event Center	<b>Conference Check-In</b>
7:00 AM	12:00 PM	Ballroom B and C	<b>Tradeshow Setup</b> <b>(Must be Show Ready by 12:00)</b>
6:30 AM	8:00 AM	Bon Temps	<b>Deluxe Breakfast Buffet &amp; Morning Coffee</b> <b>(NSPMA Attendees Only)</b> Note: Breakfast Ends at 8:00 AM
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Ballroom A	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> - Presentation of Colors: Hahnville High Air Force ROTC, St. Charles Parish Public Schools, LA - Pledge of Allegiance: Kevin Barney, LSFMA President and NSPMA Board Member - National Anthem: Hahnville High School Choir, St. Charles Parish Public Schools, LA
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	Ballroom A	<b>General Session</b> - Welcoming Remarks & Business Announcements by <b>Dr. John Bailey</b> , NSPMA Conf. Planner - Scholarship Program by <b>AJ Nordt</b> Scholarship Committee Chair - National School Plant Management Association Welcome by <b>John Rome</b> , NSPMA President, LA
8:45 AM	9:00 AM	Ballroom A	<b>Call for Nominees and Election Process:</b> Kim Keener, NSPMA Past President, New Jersey
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Ballroom A	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Dr. Joseph Erardi, Retired Superintendent from Newtown, Connecticut: Newtown Lessons Learned
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Ballroom A	<b>Mid Morning Break</b> Coffee and Water
10:15 AM	11:30 AM	Ballroom A	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Merlyna Mathieu Valentine, New Orleans, LA: Mission Possible!: A story of disability, overcoming adversity, being positive, having hope, courage, and living life to the fullest!
11:30 AM	12:45 PM	Bon Temps	<b>Lunch Buffet</b> <b>(NSPMA Attendees and Vendors)</b> Note: Lunch Ends at 12:45 PM

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1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Ballroom B and C	<b>Tradeshow Opens</b> - Visit Tradeshow Booths-Visit NSPMA Caricature Table - Drop off Your Business Cards to Win Prizes from Various Business Sponsors
3:15 PM	3:45 PM	Ballroom A	<b>National Endorsement Program Overview</b> - Dr. John A. Bailey (Virginia), Dr. Rick Walters (Virginia)
4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Enjoy Baton Rouge	<b>Free Time</b> - Relax and Unwind and Enjoy Baton Rouge
8:00 PM	11:00 PM	The Edge Lounge	<b>Karaoke and DJ</b> <b>(Open for all NSPMA, LSFMA Attendees and All Sponsors)</b> - Get Your Singing Voices Ready and Your Dance Legs too - Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and Open Bar - Local DJ to MC - Attire is Business Casual
<b>Tuesday (February 26th)</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Location</b>	
7:00 AM	1:00 PM	Event Center	<b>Conference Check-In</b>
6:30 AM	8:00 AM	Bon Temps	<b>Deluxe Breakfast Buffet &amp; Morning Coffee</b> Note: Breakfast Ends at 8:00 AM
7:30 AM	8:15 AM	Bon Temps	<b>Past NSPMA President's Meeting</b>
8:00 AM	8:50 AM	Breakout Rooms	<b>8:00-8:50 Breakout Learning Sessions</b>  <u>Chatsworth Room</u> : Comfort By Design: VRF Technology by Freddy Crick (TX) <u>Ball Room A</u> : Taking A Proactive Approach to Indoor Air Quality by Implementing Preventative Maintenance Practices in Schools by Kudret Utebay (VA) <u>VIP Lounge</u> : Welcome to Paradise: The 1-Year Journey to Data Driven Facility Operations by Jeff Benjamin, Jenn Ford, and Ronda Allen (CA)
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Ballroom B and C	<b>Trade Show: Final Contact with Vendors and Prizes</b> <b>Visit NSPMA Palm Reading Booth</b>
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Ballroom A	<b>30-Min Break with Coffee and Water</b>
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	Breakout Rooms	<b>11:00-11:50 Breakout and Learning Sessions</b>  <u>Chatsworth</u> : How to be Proactive in a Reactive Time: Active Shooter by Aliza Jones (ARK) <u>Ballroom A</u> : Purchasing Made Easy-Save Time and Effort to Obtain the Products You Value by Liz Wambeke and Dave Duhn (MN) <u>VIP Lounge</u> : Beyond the Light Switch: Elements of Effective Energy Savings Program by Mr. Vivian Karimkwenda (NC)
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Bon Temps	<b>Lunch-Attendees Only</b>

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1:00 PM	1:50 PM	Breakout Rooms	<p><b>1:00-1:50 Breakout Learning Sessions</b></p> <p><u>Chatsworth</u>: Lessons Learned From The Parkland Shooting by Tom Czyz (NY)  <u>Ballroom A</u>: Innovative Public Health Solutions for Custodial Departments for Pre K, Kindergarten and Transportation by Heidi Wilcox (Mass)  <u>VIP Lounge</u>: Cutting Edge FM equipment/systems/processes/products by Darin Porter (OH)</p>
2:00 PM	2:50 PM	Breakout Rooms	<p><b>2:00-2:50 Breakout Learning Sessions</b></p> <p><u>Chatsworth</u>: Renewable Energy Options for K-12 Schools by Emily Hansen (KS)  <u>Ballroom A</u>: Boiler Room to Board Room: Showing Your Work Matters by Mr. Vivian Karimakwenda (NC)  <u>VIP Lounge</u>: Cooperative Procurement Impacts on Facility Maintenance by Greg Spencer (TN/MISS)</p>
3:00 PM	3:50 PM	Breakout Rooms	<p><b>3:00-3:50 Breakout Learning Sessions</b></p> <p><u>Chatsworth</u>: Improving Health, Energy Efficiency, and Equipment Longevity with an IAQ Preventative Maintenance Plan by Kudret Utebay (VA)  <u>Ballroom A</u>: How to be a Rockstar Custodian by David Thompson (FL)</p>
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Ballroom A	NSPMA General Membership Meeting and General Elections
4:30 PM	6:00 PM		<i><b>Free Time</b></i> - Relax and Unwind
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Ballroom B	<b>Social Networking and Silent Auction</b>
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ballroom B	<p><b>Dinner Banquet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal Dinner Buffet</li> <li>- Awards, State Gifts, Raffle, and Entertainment Louisiana Style</li> <li>- Semi-Formal to Formal Attire</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday (February 27th)</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Location</b>	
7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Bon Temps	<p><b>Deluxe Hot Breakfast</b></p> <p>Note: Breakfast Ends at 9:00 AM</p>
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	VIP Lounge	<b>Networking Session with NSPMA Board Members</b>
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	VIP Lounge	<b>LSFMA General Membership Meeting</b>
11:00 AM	12:00 AM	Chatsworth	<b>NSPMA Board Meeting (conference debrief and board lunch)</b>
12:00 PM		Thank You!	<b>Conference Closes (guest departure and hotel check out)</b>



### Get a Jump on the Weather with [BaronThreat.Net](http://BaronThreat.Net)

Severe weather season for much of the U.S. typically begins around late March. It's a time of rapid seasonal changes, when wintery and warming air masses clash, sometimes resulting in severe weather—quickly turning a routine school day into a day of watchful waiting.

BaronThreatNet.com has been a game-changer because it does much of the analysis itself. If a weather threat such as lightning approaches within 15 miles of a school's location, authorized users will get an alert on their phones. By logging into the Baron Threat Net website or app, they can view radar, storm tracks, and other weather data relative to their school's location on the map.

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