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TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

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SUBJECT: Modification of Required Foundations of Reading Test for Initial Certification in Elementary Education (K-6), Early Childhood Education (P-3), and Collaborative Special Education (K-6)

On September 11, 2025, members of the Alabama State Board of Education (SBOE) approved a resolution to adopt a new Foundations of Reading assessment for the areas of Elementary Education (K-6), Early Childhood Education (P-3), and Collaborative Special Education (K-6). This assessment will replace the current Foundations of Reading assessment, which is expiring.

The Foundations of Reading test is administered by The Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson (Pearson). Pearson is transitioning the Foundations of Reading test from its current platform into their National Evaluation Series platform. This transition will result in a new test number. The content, structure, item bank, and required score of the new Foundations of Reading test will remain identical to the expiring test.

The following chart provides the new Foundations of Reading number, along with information that will be used for implementation. The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Assessment Policies Manuals are also being updated to reflect this modification.

New Test Name and Code	Required Score for New Test	Effective Date	Test to be Discontinued Name and Code	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date
Foundations of Reading 890	233	9/15/2025	Foundations of Reading 190	233	9/14/2025

Since this modification is only a change in test number, individuals who have earned the required score of 233 on Foundations of Reading 190 may continue to use this test and score toward meeting certification requirements in the areas of Elementary Education (K-6), Early Childhood Education (P-3) and/or Collaborative Special Education (K-6).

For additional information regarding this Foundations of Reading test modification, please contact Dr. Deanise F. Peacock, Assessment Administrator, at 334-694-4872.

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