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## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey

State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** Reporting Complaints About Educational Materials Under Ala. Code §16-2-57 (1975)

Last fall, I circulated a memorandum, FY24-1002, regarding Act 2024-35, codified as Ala. Code § 16-1-57 (1975), which pertains to the requirement for local school systems to post classroom curricula and to address and report complaints about educational materials.

## **Complaints**

If a classroom teacher fails to comply with this law, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the local superintendent of education on a form developed and provided by the local superintendent of education.

If the local complaint is not resolved within ten (10) school days, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) using the form attached to the previous memorandum linked above. Completed forms should be emailed to CurriculaPosting@alsde.edu.

## **Reporting Requirements**

Annually, on or before September 1, "each local superintendent of education shall report the number of complaints filed with him or her during the previous school year to the State Superintendent of Education." For purposes of this report, "the previous school year" means the school year that ends following your local school system's summer school term. The report should be submitted regardless of whether or not any complaints were received.

You will receive an email notification via DocuSign from <u>dse\_NA4@docusign.net</u> to use to report the number of complaints you have received.

If you have any questions concerning completing the ALSDE complaint form, please contact Ms. Tina Hammonds, Director of Government Relations, at <a href="mailto:tina.hammonds@alsde.edu">tina.hammonds@alsde.edu</a>.

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