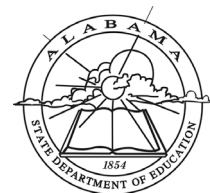




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AGENDA
ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026, 10 A.M.
AUDITORIUM, GORDON PERSONS BUILDING
50 NORTH RIPLEY STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation, Reverend Shane Isner, Pastor, First Christian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag
- C. Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum
- D. Approval of the Agenda
- E. Approval of the Minutes for September 10, 2026, Meeting
- F. Public Hearings
- G. Action Items
 - 1. Unfinished Business
 - 2. New Business
 - a. Resolution Recognizing Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker, Superintendent of the Dale County School System, as the 2027 Alabama Superintendent of the Year, State School Board District Two
 - b. Resolution Recognizing Mrs. Erica Cruthirds, Assistant Principal, Florence B. Mathis Elementary School, Baldwin County School System, Alabama's National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Outstanding Elementary Assistant Principal, State School Board District One
 - c. Resolution Recognizing Mrs. Brenda Sue Box, Assistant Principal, Mary G. Montgomery High School, Mobile County School System, as the 2025-2026 Alabama High School Assistant Principal of the Year, State School Board District One
 - d. Resolution Recognizing Mrs. Katherine "Kelli" Fischer, Principal, Opelika High School, Opelika City School System, as the 2025-2026 Alabama High School Principal of the Year, State School Board District Two
 - e. Resolution Recognizing Dr. Preeti Nichani, Principal, Northridge Middle School, Tuscaloosa City School System, Alabama 2026 National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Distinguished Principal, State School Board District Four
 - f. Resolution Recognizing Mr. Clint Brannon, Assistant Principal, Sardis Middle School, Etowah County School System, as the 2025-2026 Alabama Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year, State School Board District Six

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- g. Resolution Recognizing Mrs. Heather Renee Bardwell, Principal, Mountain Gap Middle School, Huntsville City School System, as the 2025-2026 Alabama Middle School Principal of the Year, State School Board District Eight
 - h. Resolution in Recognition of David Michael Martin, Jr., Verbena High School, Chilton County School System, as Alabama's 2026 History Teacher of the Year, State School Board District Three
 - i. Resolution of Distinguished Recognition of the 2025 Alabama School Counseling Programs of Distinction
 - j. Resolution Honoring Ms. Shumeka Robinson as the Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter, October-December 2026
 - k. Resolution to Acknowledge Numeracy Course Sequence Approval
 - l. Resolution Endorsing Alabama School Bus Safety Week, October 19-23, 2026
 - m. Resolution Proclaiming October 2026 as "Principals Month"
 - n. Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Request
 - o. Resolution Related to the Alabama Public Education Employee Injury Compensation Program
 - p. Resolution Recognizing October 18-24, 2026, as Farm to Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week in Alabama
- H. Executive (including Legal and Public Information)
- I. State Superintendent's Report
- J. Date and Time of Next Elementary/Secondary Education Meeting, Thursday, November 12, 2026, 10 a.m., Auditorium, Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama; 11 a.m. or Immediately Following the State Board Meeting, Work Session, Plaza 103 Gordon Persons Building.

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1. After School Summer Learning Updates
2. Resolution Commending Northridge Middle School, Tuscaloosa City School System, Upon Being Named a 2026 National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Gold Star School, State School Board District Four
3. Resolution Commending West Point Intermediate School, Cullman County School System, Upon Being Named a 2026 National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Gold Star School, State School Board District Six
4. Resolution Honoring 2026 A+ College Ready Schools of Distinction
5. Resolution Honoring 2026 A+ College Ready Schools of Excellence
6. Resolution Honoring 2026 A+ College Ready Mary D. Boehm School of Achievement
7. Resolution in Recognition of Inclusion in Alabama Schools, December 7-11, 2026
8. Superintendent Updates and Other Business

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