



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Alabama Reading Initiative English Learner (ARI-EL)
Regional Support Structure

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the ARI-EL team are committed to providing instructional support and resources to assist local education agencies (LEAs) in meeting the English Language Proficiency (ELP) goals. The EL team is working with the Region 7 Comprehensive Center (R7CC) to develop a comprehensive EL framework that includes strategies, implementation, capacity building, and coordination activities designed to promote and scale up effective EL practices, policies, and procedures. One aspect of the EL framework will result in changes to the support provided to LEAs. Although Student Assisted Meetings for Understanding English Learners (SAMUEL) provided needed training and updates to teachers and administrators around the state, a new support structure for the 2020-2021 school year has been developed and will begin in November. State and regional EL specialists will provide targeted support based on multiple criteria, including LEA request. To request support, please fill out the [EL Support Request Form](#).

Strand A support will be provided to schools that may have an increase in the number of ELs, may have ELs for the first time, and/or do not have EL teachers to help support English acquisition. **Strand B** support will be provided to schools not meeting ELP targets according to the Education Report Card for two consecutive years (2017-2018 and 2018-2019). In addition to the tiered approach, EL updates and instructional-related support will be provided in the January 2021 and March 2021 afternoon breakout sessions during the curriculum and instruction meetings.

If you have questions regarding ARI-EL support, please contact Dr. Tracye Strichik, ARI Director, by email at tracye.strichik@alsde.edu or call the ARI Office at 334-694-4632.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring that we give “Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day.”

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