MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Best Practices for Student Success: Building Capacity

Challenging times in Alabama schools do not equate to status quo! Many of you have retooled, repurposed, and designed innovative practices, programs, and processes to serve the needs of your students and families within the past five months. I am proud of each of you, and I am amazed at your ability to create, initiate, and implement the supports required to enhance student achievement and social and emotional needs, while working to reduce the number of dropouts, improving attendance, and discipline practices.

As the academic year for 2020-2021 unfolds, please take a minute to compile your best practices, especially in the attached categories so that we may share with other local education agencies (LEAs) and showcase your extraordinary accomplishments. We will compile the information and share it in a document titled, Best Practices for Student Success: Building Capacity. Zig Ziglar said it best, "Facts tell, but stories sell," and Alabama schools have a story worth sharing with everyone!

To submit an LEA Best Practice, please complete the Best Practices template and email it to Dr. Kay Atchison Warfield at kaw@alsde.edu or Ms. Kanetra Germany at kgermany@alsde.edu. I commend you for your commitment and dedication reflected everyday. Stay safe, and thank you for all that you do for Alabama students.

EGM/KAW/TD

Attachment

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# BEST PRACTICE TEMPLATE

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**Category:** Check all that apply as one Best Practice may overlap.
- [ ] Student/Social/Behavioral Support
- [ ] College/Career Readiness Programs
- [ ] Community
- [ ] Links/Partnerships Early Warning Systems
- [ ] Innovative Pathways
- [ ] Parental Engagement
- [ ] Transitional Programs

**Target Audience:**

**Title/Program:**

**Description:**

**Parental Involvement:**

**Community Involvement and Resources:**

**Supports Alabama State Department of Education Initiatives:**

**Evaluation:**

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Superintendent Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

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