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<u>M E M O R A N D U M</u>

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey

State Superintendent of Education

RE: Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

The Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) will meet virtually on September 2, 2020. The upcoming rescheduled meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end no later than noon on the same day. The meeting is open to the public and any interested person is encouraged to join.

The purpose of the SEAP is to advise the Special Education Services (SES) Section of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) on policy guidance with respect to special education and related services and to promote communication and cooperation among individuals involved with children and youth with disabilities.

The SEAP meeting will be livestreamed on the ALSDE, SES YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwxK13YOWNkgc-KcyB2Tmqg. Public comments will be read aloud during the scheduled time period of 10 to 10:30 a.m. If you wish to submit public comments, they must be factual and objective and not mention a student, school, or individual by name or other confidential information. Public written comments will be received by Dr. Melissa Card either by mail at the Alabama State Department of Education, Special Education Services Section, Post Office Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101 or by email at mcard@alsde.edu.

If interpreter services for non-English speaking and/or individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing are needed, please contact Dr. Card at meard@alsde.edu or 334-694-4782. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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cc: City and County Special Education Coordinators
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