September 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

RE: School Social Work Association of Alabama (SSWAAL) Third Annual Conference

The School Social Work Association of Alabama (SSWAAL) third annual conference will be held October 17-18, 2019, at United Way of Central Alabama, 3600 8th Avenue South, in Birmingham, Alabama. The SSWAAL is a professional association for actively employed school social workers in a public, private, charter school, or education agency. School social workers are licensed and/or certified mental health providers serving diverse groups of students, families, schools, and communities. They are well informed and extensively trained to manage relevant resources in the community, connect students and families to appropriate resources during times of crisis, assist administrators and teachers in delivering difficult and sensitive information, and provide evidence-based behavioral, social emotional, and mental health services.

We recognize the impact of social-emotional learning and behavior on academic achievement. School social workers promote a safe and equitable school climate and culture supporting positive academic and behavioral outcomes that empower students to reach their full potential. Join the conversations and opportunities to network with LEAs as success stories are shared. You can register online at www.sswaal.org.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Kay A. Warfield, Education Administrator, Prevention and Support Services, at kaw@alsde.edu or Ms. Dorann Tanner, President of SSWAAL, Alabaster City Schools, at Dorann.Tanner@alabastercityschools.org.

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