

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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

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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

Governor Kay Ivey President

> TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler President Pro Tem

Eric G. Mackey EAM FROM:

State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West

RE: Alabama State Department of Education-Hosted

Conferences/Meetings/Trainings Cancellation Announcement

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As a precautionary measure with the ongoing COVID-19 situation, as well the Alabama Department of Public Health's recommendations discouraging large gatherings, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is canceling all state-hosted and/or state-sponsored conferences/meetings/trainings through April 30, 2020, effective immediately. We will continue to monitor the situation closely to determine future ALSDE-sponsored events. While these face-to-face events are canceled, some of the conferences or other meetings and trainings may be provided through a remote-only option for those who choose to participate. Additional information will be forthcoming from the ALSDE sections if a remote option will be available for a conference or event that was scheduled.

If you have additional questions regarding a specific state-hosted event that you were scheduled to attend, please contact the specific ALSDE section responsible for coordinating the conferences/meetings/trainings. We are closely monitoring the evolving situation and are committed to the safety of all Alabama citizens.

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cc: Alabama Board of Education Members LEA Public Information Officers

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