January 16, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Professional Learning Opportunity

The Alabama State Department of Education, Office of Student Learning, is partnering with the Alabama Association of Supervision of Curriculum Development (AASCD) and the Council of Leaders in Alabama (CLAS) to host a one-day learning opportunity at the Shelby County Instructional Services Center in Alabaster, Alabama, on February 19, 2019. Presenters from the ALSDE and AASCD will provide current information, updates, district-level examples, a time for questions and answers, as well as information to facilitate an easy-to-share turnaround format for both teachers and administrators.

This professional learning event has been developed to provide attendees with the opportunity to take a “deep dive” into three of the following 1.5-hour sessions:

- The Nuts & Bolts of the Alabama Administrative Code (AAC).
- The Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) Restored to Fidelity: What Does that Mean?
- The Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP): Updates and Future Implications.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE): How does it align with other Instructional Options for Students?
- The Proposed Mathematics, Health, and Physical Education Courses of Study: How Do LEAs Prepare for the Transition?
- STEM or STEAM: What Does Impactful Classroom Instruction Look Like?

Registration information for this event can be obtained through the following link: https://www.clasleaders.org/professional-development/events/2019/02/19/clas-calendar-of-events/curriculum-instruction-bootcamp or by visiting the CLAS website at www.clasleaders.org. The cost is $25 per person or $20 per person for teams of five or more. Lunch is included. Please contact Mrs. Demica Sanders at demica@clasleaders.org to obtain a discount code to be utilized on the registration event link for teams of five or more. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the day will conclude by 2:30 p.m. to provide ample travel time.
We recognize the challenges associated with being away from your school district, but believe this will be an excellent opportunity to hear the most current updates related to student learning from the ALSDE, AASCD, and CLAS experts. Attendees will leave with valuable information to facilitate planning for transitions and implementations for the 2019-2020 school year, in addition to real-world examples from AASCD board members who represent a variety of districts across the state.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Elisabeth Davis at 334-694-4692 or via email at edavis@alsde.edu.

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