March 6, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey  
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Creating Alternative Pathways for Students Success (CAPS)

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Prevention and Support Services Section, is pleased to announce the upcoming professional development opportunity Creating Alternative Pathways for Student Success (CAPS) Conference. Nationally known experts such as Danny Hill, the author of How to Defeat Student Apathy by Building a Brick House Culture, will provide strategies and processes proven by research to be effective in addressing social and emotional indicators in regards to student failure. Each participant will receive a copy of his book. Community agencies and practitioners of non-traditional pathways, including the Alabama Center for Postsecondary Education, will share additional opportunities for its students that are not successful in a traditional setting. The first 100 people who submit a registration form to Ms. Beth Mannon, registration contact, will receive a one-year membership to the Alabama Alternative Pathways to Education Association (AAPEA).

More than seven million students nationwide are chronically absent from school. Missing school for any reason puts students academically at risk. The inordinate number of suspensions also serves as a major culprit for students not achieving success in a traditional school setting. Many times, absences and/or suspensions are the identifiable indicators that other obstacles such as disengagement from school, bullying, low-academic performance, peer pressure, suicide concerns, poor teacher-student relationships, or social/emotional concerns are prevalent. Powerful sessions will be shared to address some of these issues. Showcasing Alabama schools and educators who have a story to tell will be interesting and enriching as local education agencies prepare to address accountability measures and declare war on chronic absenteeism, suspensions, grade-to-grade promotions, dropouts, and ultimately graduating on time.

Please mark your calendar and submit the attached registration form to receive a guaranteed spot and the early bird special of $110 for the CAPS Conference in Muscle Shoals, AL, on May 8-9, 2019, at the Shoals Marriott Hotel. A block of rooms at the hotel has been reserved at a special rate. Please call 256-246-3600 to make your reservation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Kay Atchison Warfield at kaw@alsde.edu, or Ms. Kanetra Germany at kgermany@alsde.edu, or at 334-694-4717.

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Attachment

FY19-2054
ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CONFERENCE
CREATING ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS SUCCESS (CAPS)
MAY 8-9, 2019
THE SHOALS MARRIOTT HOTEL
10 HIGHTOWER PLACE
FLORENCE, AL 35630

PLEASE FILL IN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION:

Name: ____________________________
School/System: _______________________
Job Title: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
City: __________________ State: _____
Zip: ___________________________
Phone:(____) _______________________
Email: ____________________________

Circle the Appropriate Registration Fee:

Registration received by April 15, 2019 $120.00
Late/On-Site Registration $200.00

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Check Number: ______________________
Purchase Order Number: ______________
Invoice to: ___________________________
Visa/Mastercard/Discover (circle type)
Credit Card Number: ___________________
CVV: _______ Expiration: ________
Cardholder’s Phone: _________________
Cardholder’s Name: ___________________
Cardholder’s Address: _________________
City: __________________ State: _____
Zip: __________ Signature: ___________

Make checks payable to Jackson County Schools
Mail Registration Form and Payment to:
Attention: Ms. Beth Mannon
Jackson County Board of Education
16003 Alabama Highway 35
Scottsboro, Alabama 35768

IMPORTANT: If you are paying with a purchase order, please mail a copy of your registration to the above address with the purchase order or a letter (on letterhead) from the business office stating intent to pay with purchase order. At the time of the conference, we must have a copy of the purchase order for you to attend. Unpaid purchase orders will become the responsibility of the participant. Thank you.

Registration Questions? Please contact Ms. Beth Mannon, Registration Contact at 256-259-9500, ext. 36026.