March 6, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Private School Enrollment Survey

Federal guidelines for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) require that all private and parochial schools within the attendance areas of each local education agency (LEA) be contacted annually and offered the opportunity to participate in those federal programs. Please be mindful that this data request does not serve as the private schools’ invitation to participate in the various federal programs served by the LEA. Although this letter may be a part of the information provided to the private schools, it does not meet the equitable participation requirements as outlined in ESSA guidance.

The data for the current year will be sent to the U.S. Department of Education and will be used to calculate federal allocations to the state for Fiscal Year 2020. Titles I, II, and III allocations are impacted by the private school data.

The form for reporting current year enrollment in private and parochial schools can be found in the eGap document library under the Title I-A Non-Public School Section entitled “2019 Private School Survey.” Each LEA must complete and return the survey even if it currently does not have participating private schools. Your completed form should be returned by April 12, 2019, via email to Dr. Julie Turner at jturner@alsde.edu or upload it in your document library.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Dr. Turner or your regional specialist at 334-694-4516.

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cc: City and County Federal Programs Coordinators

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