December 3, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
        State Superintendent of Education

RE: Early Release

In the state of Alabama, the only early release options during the prescribed school day must be for students who are released to a planned and supervised educational or work experience, i.e., Cooperative Education, Apprenticeship Programs, Internships, Dual Enrollment, Early College Enrollment, or other programs approved by the Alabama State Department of Education. There are numerous scheduling options currently in place across the state (block scheduling, seven-period day, and six-period day).

Please know that I support innovation in its broadest sense as long as we are addressing the needs of our students with a focus on college and career readiness while fulfilling the regulations and laws as they apply to public education. For questions or more information, please contact Mr. Tommy Glasscock, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, by telephone at 334-694-4876 or by email at tglasscock@alsde.edu.

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cc: City and County Counseling Coordinators
    City and County High School Principals
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    Mr. Sean Stevens
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