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Alabama State Department of Education Celebrates 2021 National School Counseling Week, February 1–5

Montgomery, Ala. - 2021 National School Counseling Week, “Alabama School Counselors: All in for All Students,” sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated this week to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within Alabama school systems and how students are better as a result of what Alabama school counselors do.

National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for future careers.

“School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students’ academic concerns, postsecondary options, and social/emotional skill development,” said Dr. Elisabeth Davis, Assistant State Superintendent for Student Learning. “School counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a much-needed resource for students, parents, teachers and school administrators. School counselors are integral to student success. This special week honors Alabama school counselors who implement comprehensive school counseling programs as they meet the challenges of the 21st Century.”

Sean J. Stevens, Program Coordinator of Instructional Services, added, “We celebrate Alabama school counselors for being actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today’s world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students’ academic, postsecondary and social/emotional development; and working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. School counselors are professionally credentialed, experienced educators—this combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program in Alabama.”

More than 100,000 school counselors nationwide will be participating in the week’s festivities. Many schools will be hosting special events and activities to call attention to the countless benefits of a comprehensive school counseling program.

Parents or community members can learn more about school counseling programs by contacting the counselors at their local schools. More information can also be found on the ALSDE website at www.alsde.edu/sec/cg/Pages/home.aspx or by visiting ASCA’s website at www.schoolcounselor.org.

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