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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey

RE:

The Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) salary schedule program provides for participating teachers to be employed on 189-day contracts that require each participating teacher to complete at least four days of annual high-quality professional development administered, sponsored, or approved by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE).

Since participating teachers are required to complete professional learning activities during the 2021-2022 school year, below is a list of activities that are approved as meeting the qualifications of the TEAMS Act:

- Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) Menu of Services
- Approved AMSTI Affiliates
- A+ College Ready E3 Trainings
- ALSDE Courses of Study Overview and Implementation Trainings
- HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology
- Project Lead the Way
- Computer Science (CS) training approved for state-required CS courses/instruction aligned to CS law reference
- National and State Affiliate Conferences (i.e., NCTM, NABT, NSTA) – Only those sessions directly aligned to an approved credit-bearing course defined by the TEAMS Act

This list is not exhaustive and is intended to be a running list that is updated annually.

The ALSDE will provide a comprehensive guide that defines the submission and approval process for professional development opportunities that align with the TEAMS Act requirements, as well as ALSDE stipulations and criteria for high-quality professional development in January 2022.

Information about the TEAMS Act, including an FAQ document is located at this We Teach Alabama link. If you have further questions about the TEAMS Act, please send an email to TEAMS@alsde.edu.

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