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TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM:Eric G. Mackey & MState Superintendent of Education

RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Allocations for Summer Reading Camp

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is committed to providing support for Summer Reading Camps which are to be offered, at a minimum, to all K-3 students identified with a reading deficiency per *the Alabama Literacy Act* (ALA). Funds appropriated by the *American Rescue Plan Act*–Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ARPA-ESSER III state reserve funds), in support of the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI), will fund Summer Reading Camps based on a per-pupil allocation determined by the number of students of each local education agency (LEA) who are not proficient on a state-approved reading assessment during the prior academic year. The ALA describes two programs, as follows:

A. Alabama Summer Achievement Program (ASAP)

As stated in the ALA, a fully funded Alabama Summer Achievement Program will be available to all K-3 students in public elementary schools that are among the lowest-performing five percent of elementary schools. Each school will receive a per-pupil allocation based on the number of students enrolled in Grades K-3 according to the 2021-2022 ADM, plus an additional per-pupil allocation based on the number of students scoring below the lowest achievement level on the board-approved assessment—Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP)—in reading during the spring 2021 test administration window.

B. Summer Reading Camps

Each LEA shall provide summer reading camps to all K-3 students identified with a reading deficiency. Funds appropriated in excess of the amount needed to fully fund an ASAP is divided based on a per-pupil allocation and distributed by the ALSDE to support high-quality summer camps at schools that are not among the lowest five percent of performing schools. Each LEA will receive funds based on a per-pupil allocation of the number of students scoring below the lowest achievement level on the board-approved ACAP assessment in reading during the spring 2021 test administration window.

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The total allocation for the ASAP (if applicable) and Summer Reading Camps for each LEA can be accessed at the following link: <u>2022 Summer Reading Camp Allocations</u>.

The ARI regional literacy leadership specialists will be available to provide support through Quarter 3 Monitoring. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Libby Frankel by email at <u>libby.frankel@alsde.edu</u> or by telephone at 334-694-4632.

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