

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DECEMBER 5-9, 2022,
AS “SPECIAL EDUCATION INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK”
IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Governor Ivey’s proclamation originating in 2018, decreed a week committed to educating students in inclusive schools and classrooms, it is with reverence that we seize and proclaim the focus on Special Education Inclusive Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, local education agencies are encouraged to partner in new programs to help all learners, and support by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) embraces utilization of proficiency scales, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), and programming for teachers to learn strategies to close the achievement gap in all students across the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, teacher shortages are rising across the state, it is with tireless effort and dedication that the Alabama State Board of Education, has met unceasingly to create alternate certification approaches to decrease teacher shortages, and ensuring that students with disabilities are able to remain with their typical peers where historically students at varying ability levels were not included; and

WHEREAS, it is with unity and dedication that resources and initiatives were put in place, support was re-emphasized, and programs were created to bridge gaps in learning, while consistently providing fairness for all students through a lens of inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, children have differing ability levels, it is with excitement that we embody the whole child concept, and the progress Alabama has made in leading the charge to support all students with inclusive practices. These inclusive practices embrace each child learns differently, while providing equitable teaching that is responsive to the abilities and interests of every child. This exemplifies the motto, Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day; and

WHEREAS, embracing this concept is not a solitary commitment, the ALSDE and the Alabama State Board of Education invite all stakeholders of Alabama to embrace Special Education Inclusive Schools Week, December 5-9, 2022, and stand committed to providing equitable opportunities to Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to all school staff who foster an environment of respect and inclusion focused on high-quality learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages Alabama schools to participate in promoting Special Education Inclusive Schools Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate December 5-9, 2022, as Special Education Inclusive Schools Week in Alabama public schools,

Done this 10th day of November 2022