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## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey

State Superintendent of Education

**SUBJECT:** School Bus Safety Week – October 16-20, 2023

National School Bus Safety Week is scheduled for October 16-20, 2023. This special event is an active, continuing public education program designed to promote school bus safety. I have requested that Governor Kay Ivey issue a proclamation also designating this week as Alabama School Bus Safety Week. A copy of the proclamation will be posted on the Alabama State Department of Education website at <a href="https://www.alabamaachieves.org">www.alabamaachieves.org</a> after it has been signed by Governor Ivey.

Alabama has a school bus safety record of which we can all be proud; however, maintaining this excellent record requires the combined efforts of the entire education family including school staff, students, parents, and other citizens. During this week, I encourage each of you to actively support activities in your schools and communities that will emphasize school bus safety and also recognize school bus drivers and other transportation personnel who help ensure that our children are transported safely.

I hope that you will promote this very worthwhile endeavor in your school system. Please contact Mr. Chad Carpenter, Pupil Transportation Administrator, at 334-694-4545 if you need assistance or have questions about this information.

## EGM/CC/FT

cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
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 Mr. Chad Carpenter

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