



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



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 State Superintendent of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
 State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** Technology Needs Assessment on Cognia’s eProve Diagnostics Platform

In our ongoing effort to harness the power of technology to enhance our educational programs, I am excited to announce the initiation of a comprehensive Technology Needs Assessment for Alabama school districts. This needs assessment will serve as a roadmap to guide our integration of technology into teaching and learning over the next several years.

In today's rapidly evolving world, technology plays a pivotal role in education. It offers opportunities for innovation, engagement, and personalized learning experiences. Therefore, it is essential that we develop a well-structured technology plan to ensure that our state is at the forefront of educational excellence.

Although no new technology plan will be required for the 2023-2024 school year, the Technology Needs Assessment will be completed during this year in preparation for developing new technology goals for next year’s plan. The Technology Needs Assessment, which is housed in Cognia’s eProve Diagnostics platform, should be completed no later than June 14, 2024. Directions for completing the Technology Needs Assessment may be found here: [Technology Needs Assessment in eProve Diagnostics](#).

The Alabama State Department of Education is committed to supporting districts in the evaluation, planning, and development of technology goals that support Alabama’s Strategic Plan as well as local initiatives to improve teaching and learning. By working collaboratively with stakeholders in the district to complete the technology needs assessment, districts will be able to determine areas of strength and areas of need for the following five target areas: Network Infrastructure and Equipment, Cybersecurity, Technology Integration, Digital Equity, and Professional Learning. Support through scheduled office hours will be provided by the Educational Technology team beginning in November.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Jean Scott at 334-694-4641 or email [jscott@alsde.edu](mailto:jscott@alsde.edu).

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