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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey

State Superintendent of Education

RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Mental Health Services Coordinator (MHSC) Application

In the FY 2025 ETF Budget, Alabama Act 2024-351, the Legislature appropriated \$6,240,000 to provide funds to local education agencies (LEAs), Charter Schools, and Public Independent Schools to employ Mental Health Service Coordinators (MHSCs) to facilitate and expand coordination of mental health wellness supports throughout respective school systems.

Funds are intended to allow LEAs, Charter Schools, and Independent Public Schools to employ an MHSC, utilizing a minimum salary that would be comparable to social workers or other qualified persons providing mental wellness-related support in other public sectors throughout the state. The LEAs must meet all assurances and guidelines prescribed in the linked application for this funding opportunity.

The MHSC awards will be approximately \$40,000 and distributed quarterly. LEAs receiving the award will be notified by August 2, 2024, and funds for the position will be available on October 1, 2024. A copy of the fillable MHSC application can be accessed at FY2025 MHSC Application. In addition, a contact template is required as part of the application process and can be accessed at 2024-2025 MHSC Contact Form. All applications must be submitted electronically no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact Dr. Kay A. Warfield by email at kaw@alsde.edu or by telephone at 334-694-4724 or Mrs. Tracey Goreed by email at tracey.goreed@alsde.edu or by telephone at 334-694-4723.

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