

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION
ALABAMA GUIDELINES FOR EXEMPLARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education encourages exemplary school librarians and school library programs in the state's public school systems; and

WHEREAS, school library programs are constantly changing and evolving to enhance the learning environment and contribute to student achievement; and

WHEREAS, research indicates a high correlation between quality library media programs and increased student achievement; and

WHEREAS, library media professionals, district and school administrators, and educators throughout the state provided input into the development of *Alabama Guidelines for Exemplary School Libraries*, a revision of *Alabama's School Library Media Handbook for the 21st Century Learner* (2008); and

WHEREAS, *Alabama Guidelines for Exemplary School Libraries* focuses on the role of the school library program as an integral component in the teaching and learning process and is designed to be used collaboratively by the learning community to improve student achievement in academics through integration of school library services; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has been presented with the Alabama Library Media Task Force's report on Alabama school libraries and advances the Task Force's recommendation of its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the Alabama Library Media Task Force is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on December 12, 2024.

Done this 12th day of December 2024