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MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Regional Support

The Alabama State Department of Education is committed to an ongoing reflection on the quality of services and support provided to local education agencies (LEAs) and schools. As funding for some initiatives has decreased and a review of data suggests a more coordinated and targeted approach, there are some important adjustments of the regional support structure that will need to be made.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, all instructional support will be determined at the regional level. The regional staff will be providing customized support for Alabama College- and Career-Ready Standards (CCRS) implementation. Priority and Focus schools will be given first opportunity to request targeted support from regional staff. A review of continuous improvement plans (CIPs) and data analysis with targeted LEAs and schools will help to determine the support and resources needed. Once regional staff have scheduled targeted support for Priority and Focus schools, then other LEAs and schools may request services. You will receive more information from your regional team soon.

We appreciate your patience as we transition to a system that ensures that those who may need more support have the opportunity to receive more support.

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    Dr. Julie P. Hannah, Director, Office of Student Learning

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