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NINE ALABAMA SCHOOLS AWARDED SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Montgomery, Ala. - The Alabama State Department of Education Office of Student Learning announced federal School Improvement Grants for nine Alabama schools today. School Improvement Grants are awarded to schools that demonstrate a need for additional funds, as well as a commitment to use the funds to raise achievement levels in low-performing schools.

The School Improvement Grant program, known as SIG, lasts for five years. Funding for Alabama SIG schools is awarded for the first four years, and monitoring of sustainable practices occurs in the fifth year. The total amount available to Alabama schools is approximately $13 million. Funds must be used to implement one of six federally approved school improvement models. The recipients are:

- Birmingham City – Green Acres Middle School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,498,181.00
- Dallas County – Tipton Durant Middle School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,500,000.00
- Midfield City – Rutledge Middle School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,499,093.88
- Mobile County - Continuous Learning Center
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,500,000.00
- Mobile County - Mary G. Montgomery High School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,500,000.00
- Montgomery County - Bellingrath Middle School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,500,000.00
- Montgomery County - Walter T. McKee Middle School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,495,372.00
- Tuscaloosa City – Westlawn Middle School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,500,000.00
- Tuscaloosa County – Holt High School
  Award Amount (FY 2017 – FY 2021): $1,500,000.00

Revised requirements from the USDOE allow for the first year to serve as either a planning year or as an implementation year. All Cohort 3 SIG schools have elected to use FY 2017 as a planning year.

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