MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Principal Candidate Semester Residency

October 11, 2012

An unrealized recommendation from the Congress on School Leadership is a semester residency for Instructional Leadership candidates. Funding from the Alabama Legislature and the Alabama State Board of Education has made it possible to fund a limited number of semester residencies sponsored by local education agency (LEA)/university partnerships during the second semester of 2012-2013.

The LEA/university partnerships are invited to participate in an informational WebEx on October 26, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. to learn more about the residency. To participate in the WebEx, LEA partners must register in STI PD by performing a PD number search for PCSR P Webinar 12. Instructions for accessing the WebEx will be available on the STI PD registration site.

The following are some of the topics to be covered during the WebEx:

1. Purposes of funding the residencies.
2. Eligibility to apply for funding.
3. Number of residencies to be funded.
4. How funding may be used.
5. LEA/university partnership responsibilities.
6. Requirements of the residency and guarantees from the partnership.
7. How to apply for residency funding.

One of the goals of the Alabama State Board of Education’s PLAN 2020 is to ensure that every school is led by a well-prepared, resourced, supported, and effective leader. We believe that a semester residency with a veteran, successful instructional leader will help ensure that future principals are better prepared to lead the learning in Alabama’s schools. Questions may be referred to Dr. John Bell at 334-242-9962 or jbell@alsde.edu.

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