



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Thomas R. Bice  
State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama  
State Board  
of Education

**MEMORANDUM**

Governor  
Robert Bentley  
President

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

Tracy T. Roberts  
District I

**FROM:** Thomas R. Bice <sup>TRB</sup>  
State Superintendent of Education

Betty Peters  
District II

**RE:** Training Session: Using Advanc-Ed ASSIST for School Improvement and Technology Plans

Stephanie Bell  
District III

The vision of Alabama's PLAN 2020 is for every child to be a graduate and for every graduate to be prepared for college and/or a career. To reach this vision, schools and school systems will create plans to ensure that every school has in place a road map to a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment. The Alabama State Department of Education is pleased to offer a resource to help with this endeavor. Advanc-Ed ASSIST provides schools with the means to create goals and plans, collect data, and identify strengths and challenges through the use of easily understood diagnostics.

Yvette M.  
Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV

It is my pleasure to invite you to one of two sessions that will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to introduce the Advanc-Ed ASSIST tool. Because this is the tool that Priority Schools will utilize to develop their 30-60-90 day plans it is vital that those schools and their district representatives attend this training. The trainings are scheduled to be held in Montgomery on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and in Gardendale on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The sessions will include both demonstrations and active participation and will provide participants with an opportunity to see the potential benefits the use of Advanc-Ed ASSIST can provide. Participants are asked to bring a laptop, wireless tablet, or an iPad with them.

Ella B. Bell  
District V  
President Pro Tem

Charles E. Elliott, M.D.  
District VI  
Vice President

The sessions are open for registration on the STI PD Web site. You may register for one of the following sessions using the registration number listed above the regional in-service center location:

Jeff Newman  
District VII

**ASU78**  
**Alabama State Univ./Abernathy Auditorium**  
**915 South Jackson Street**  
**Montgomery, AL**

**UABRIC0155**  
**Gardendale First Baptist Church/Family Life**  
**940 Main Street**  
**Gardendale, AL**

Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.  
District VIII

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Technology Coordinators  
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