July 15, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

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

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 21st 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.

It is my pleasure to invite you to one of two sessions that will be held July 30th and 31st 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 30th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and in Gardendale on July 31st 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.

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:

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

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

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