April 2, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice  
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Alabama Autism Initiative Leadership Team Meeting

The Alabama State Department of Education, Special Education Services, would like to thank you for agreeing to serve on the statewide leadership team as part of the Alabama Autism Initiative. Two meeting dates have been scheduled for the purposes of defining the mission and goals of the leadership team, surveying the needs of your local education agency (LEA), and for training on evidence-based practices in the classroom. The meeting dates are April 17, 2014, and April 25, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. STI–PD information for registration, an agenda, and a survey will be sent at a later date via e-mail from Ms. Crystal Richardson. You may attend either training that is most conveniently located to your LEA as listed below:

Thursday, April 17

HOOVER
Hoover City Board of Education
Farr Administration Building
2810 Metropolitan Way
Hoover, Alabama 35243
Central Office:
(205) 439-1000

Friday, April 25

MONTGOMERY
State of Alabama AIDT
1 Technology Court
Montgomery, Alabama 36116
www.aidt.edu
(334) 242-4158
Directions

As part of our commitment to helping educators and parents better meet the educational needs of children and young adults, our goal is that all Alabama students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) will have access to effective, integrated learning environments and highly trained school staff in order to make progress toward academic, social, communication, behavior, and adaptive skill development. We will work together to develop the framework for building capacity in each LEA with your input and participation.

Please be prepared to brainstorm in a collaborative manner, research as necessary (wireless is available for internet services), and participate in outcome-based discussions. We will be providing each participant with a copy of the National Autism Center’s Evidence-Based Practice and Autism in Schools educator manual, as well as other resources. Please bring with you a three-inch binder to hold all Alabama Autism Initiative information. Lunch will be provided by the Autism Society.

The Alabama Autism Initiative Team is very excited to begin our journey. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lisa Highfield, Ms. Tina Sanders, or Ms. Susan Goldthwaite at 334-242-8114.

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cc: Special Education Coordinators
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