September 30, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: School Bus Safety Week – October 20-24, 2014

National School Bus Safety Week is scheduled for October 20-24, 2014. This special emphasis is an active, continuing public education program designed to promote school bus safety. I have requested that Governor Robert Bentley issue a proclamation also designating this week as Alabama School Bus Safety Week. A copy of the proclamation will be posted on the Pupil Transportation Web site at www.alsde.edu after it has been signed by Governor Bentley. Additionally, a resolution recognizing this very important week will be submitted to the Alabama State Board of Education for approval at its meeting on October 8, 2014. The resolution will also be posted on the Web site.

Alabama has a school bus safety record of which we can all be proud; however, maintaining this excellent record requires the combined efforts of the entire education family including school staff, students, parents, and other citizens. During this week, I encourage each of you to actively support activities in your schools and communities that will emphasize school bus safety and also recognize school bus drivers and other transportation personnel who help ensure that our children are transported safely. An activity booklet for School Bus Safety Week and other school bus safety information can be found on the Pupil Transportation Web site.

I hope that you will promote this very worthwhile endeavor in your school system. Please contact Mr. Joe Lightsey, Director, Pupil Transportation, at 334-242-9730 if you need assistance or have questions about this information.

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cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
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Alabama School Bus Dealers

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