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August 3, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: 2015 Four- and Five-Year Cohorts and Dropout Report Applications

Congratulations on continual increases to our state's Graduation Rate. Your efforts increased the graduation rate from 72% with the 2011 Cohort, to 75% with the 2012 Cohort, to 80% with the 2013 Cohort, and to 86% with the 2014 Cohort.

As the 2015 Graduation Rate procedure begins, we want to ensure continued success in this process. Therefore, the staff in the Prevention and Support Services Section will provide trainings in the following locations for those individuals in your school system responsible for the accurate reporting of the data:

Location	Dates
Wallace State Community College 801 Main Street NW Hanceville, AL 35077	August 26, 2015 Registration 9:00-9:15 a.m. Training 9:15-12 noon
Reid State Technical College Library Rom L116 100 Highway 83 Evergreen, AL 36401	September 3, 2015 Registration 9:00-9:15 a.m. Training 9:15-12 noon
Troy City Schools Board Room 500 Elm Street Troy, AL 36081-0529	September 16, 2015 Registration 9:00-9:15 a.m. Training 9:15-12 noon
Montgomery Professional Development Center 515 South Union Street Montgomery, AL 36104	September 18, 2015 Registration 9:00-9:15 a.m. Training 9:15-12 noon

All participants must register in STI-PD for the selected session by the Friday before the scheduled training. The Title PD Number is "2015GRADRATE."

After the trainings the Graduation and Dropout Rates Application Portal will open to allow personnel in your system to review the status of students who will affect your graduation and dropout rates for the 2014-2015 school year. Please forward this memorandum to the people you determine will attend this training.

If you have questions about the training, contact your regional graduation rate contact in Prevention and Support Services Section at 334-242-8165 or contact Dr. Marilyn Lewis or Mr. Tom Mok via e-mail at mlewis@alsde.edu or tmock@alsde.edu.

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