



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama
State Board
of Education

MEMORANDUM

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Robert Bentley
President

TO: City and County Superintendents

Matthew S. Brown, J.D.
District I

FROM: Thomas R. Bice ^{TRB}
State Superintendent of Education

Betty Peters
District II

RE: Network for Alabama Teaching Fellows

Stephanie Bell
District III

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), in conjunction with the Alabama Education Association and A + Education Partnership, is requesting nominations of teachers for the Network for Alabama Teaching Fellows for the 2015-16 school year. The attached flyer outlines the nomination process as well as criteria for ideal nominees.

Yvette M.
Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV
President Pro Tem

Teacher Fellows will spend approximately 10-15 hours a month on Fellows work and receive continuing education units (CEUS) or a professional learning unit (PLU) and other recognition for their time. Teacher Fellows are also given opportunities to travel throughout the year to serve as teacher representatives at state events. The expected term of service for a Teacher Fellow is two years.

Ella B. Bell
District V

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

We are looking for educators who have the desire to be leaders in the teaching field and who have the time to commit to participating in the network over the course of the upcoming school year. Please review the criteria and send your nominations by September 23, 2015, to Dr. Tony Thacker at tthacker@alsde.edu. Applications will be sent to selected nominees, with a one-day orientation to be held later in September.

Jeff Newman
District VII
Vice President

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tony Thacker at telephone number (334) 242-9742 or via e-mail at tthacker@alsde.edu.

Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.
District VIII

TRB:JS

Thomas R. Bice, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer

Attachment

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Network for Alabama Teaching Fellows Nominations for Application

The Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Education Association, and A + Education Partnership are pleased to announce the creation of the Network for Alabama Teaching Fellows for the 2015-16 school year. Nominations for application are currently being accepted.

Teacher Fellows will coordinate a regional network of colleagues in discussions about educational issues with the aim of informing and assisting in the development of policies and practices at the state and local level. Face-to-face and virtual meetings will be held over the course of the year to ensure that information is shared in a timely and accurate manner. If selected, Teacher Fellows will receive CEUs/PLU, paid travel for face-to-face meetings, and other recognition in return for their participation.

The ideal candidate would be a current classroom teacher or instructional coach with the following:

- Demonstrated record of excellence and positive impact on teacher quality.
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Active participation in other educator networks.
- Desire to learn about and contribute to education policy conversations.
- Ability to support education reform at the local and state level.
- Knowledge of effective professional development practices.

Please send your nominations to the following e-mail address: tthacker@alsde.edu. Nominations must include the name and e-mail address of the nominee. The deadline for nominations is September 23, 2015.

