



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

Governor
Robert Bentley
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Matthew S. Brown, J.D.
District I

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

Betty Peters
District II

RE: Penny Trust Fund for Disease Prevention

Stephanie Bell
District III

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Penny Trust Fund for Disease Prevention funds have been allocated to the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and will be distributed to local education agencies (LEAs) for programs related to disease prevention and protection for students.

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

All LEAs will receive a per-pupil allocation based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) for each LEA for the FY 2015 year.

Ella B. Bell
District V

Attached is the proposed use of these Penny Trust Fund Disease Prevention funds. Categories include high-risk public school diseases with prevention strategies to reduce the potential of acquiring and spreading diseases.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Ventress, Nurse Administrator, at 334-242-8165 or e-mail at jventress@alsde.edu.

Jeff Newman
District VII
Vice President

TRB/JCV/SF

Attachment

Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.
District VIII

cc: Lead Nurses
Health Care Supervisor
Chief School Financial Officers
Ms. Jennifer Ventress

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

FY16-2001

PENNY TRUST FUND: DISEASE PREVENTION
HIGH RISK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISEASE CATEGORIES

	Category	Prevention Strategies
1.	<p>Communicable Diseases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza viruses • Common cold • Methicillin Resistant • Staphylococcus Aureus • Fungal infections – Tinea (Ringworm) • Measles Outbreak Prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibacterial wipes • Antibacterial spray • Hand sanitizer • Soap • Educational materials – Books, displays, videos, facilitating hand hygiene by supplying soap and paper towels, and teaching good hand hygiene practices • Adopting healthy practices such as safe handling of food and use of standard precautions when handling body fluids • Encouraging students and staff to get annual vaccinations • Information and advice about measles from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including the importance of vaccination with the MMR vaccine, advice for travelers about the latest measles outbreaks
2.	<p>Heart Diseases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental care • Obesity – Healthy eating, physical activity, weight control • General physicals • Sports physicals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Dental floss • Follow up on Oral Health referrals • Jump ropes, balls, Height/Weight/BMI referrals • Education materials – Books, displays, signage, and videos

	Category	Prevention Strategies
3.	Respiratory Diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergies • Asthma • Pneumonia • Tuberculosis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask • Educational materials – Books, displays, signage, videos • Implement, plan, and monitor preventive services • Routine childhood immunizations
4.	Diabetes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational materials – Books, displays, signage, and videos • Height Weight/BMI Evaluation • Counseling and health information • Coordination with school-based Health Center/Primary Care Providers
5.	Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational materials – Books, displays, signage, and videos • Vision screenings and referrals