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MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education
   Deans of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
       State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Use of edTPA Scores in Lieu of the Principles of Learning and Teaching Score

On August 13, 2015, the State Board of Education adopted a revised Educator Preparation Chapter of the Alabama Administrative Code that included the addition of a performance assessment, edTPA, that will become effective September 1, 2018, to assess the pedagogical skills of applicants seeking initial certification in teaching fields and instructional support areas, as developed. The implementation of edTPA will include alternative certification approaches; however, implementation details are currently under development. In the meantime, Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) have been piloting edTPA since October 2014. This memorandum is to inform EPPs and those applicants who piloted edTPA while completing an Alabama state-approved program that a preliminary edTPA score may be used in lieu of the Principles of Learning and Teaching score(s).

For all applications received on or after December 1, 2015, the Department will accept the adopted preliminary edTPA passing score(s) in lieu of Principles of Learning and Teaching score(s) for certificate issuance as indicated in the table below.

| Preliminary edTPA Scores Approved by the Alabama State Board of Education |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 13 Rubric Fields (65 Possible)  | 15 Rubric Fields (75 Possible) | 18 Rubric Fields (90 Possible) |
| 32*                             | 37*                          | 44*                          |

*The preliminary passing score is −1 Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) below the recommended national passing scores.
Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jayne A. Meyer via e-mail at jmeyer@alsde.edu or by telephone at 334-242-9560. We appreciate your continued support.

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