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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education  
**FROM:** Philip C. Cleveland *PCC*  
Interim State Superintendent of Education  
**RE:** 2016 Penny Trust Fund for Disease Prevention Funds

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 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. Plans are for the distribution of funds to occur during the month of May 2016. Please remember to use the 2015 Penny Trust Fund dollars under fund source code 2259.

All LEAs will receive a per-pupil allocation based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) for each system for the FY 2016 year. The Fund source code is 2259.

Attached is information regarding 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.

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

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Attachment

cc: Lead Nurses  
Health Care Supervisors  
Chief School Financial Officers

FY16-2050

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

CATEGORY	PREVENTION STRATEGIES
<p><b>Communicable Diseases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenza Viruses</li> <li>• Common Cold</li> <li>• Methicillin Resistant</li> <li>• Staphylococcus Aureus</li> <li>• Fungal infections – Tinea (Ringworm)</li> <li>• Measles Outbreak Prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antibacterial wipes</li> <li>• Antibacterial spray</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer</li> <li>• Soap</li> <li>• Educational materials – books, displays, video facilitating hand hygiene by supplying soap and paper towels and teaching good hand hygiene practices</li> <li>• Adopting healthy practices such as safe handling of food and use of standard precautions when handling body fluids</li> <li>• Encouraging students and staff to get annual vaccinations</li> <li>• 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, and information regarding the latest measles outbreak(s)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Heart Disease</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental Care</li> <li>• Obesity – Healthy eating, physical activity, weight control</li> <li>• General Physicals</li> <li>• Sports Physicals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toothbrushes</li> <li>• Toothpaste</li> <li>• Dental floss</li> <li>• Follow up on oral health referrals</li> <li>• Jump ropes, balls, Height/Weight/ BMI referrals</li> <li>• Education materials – books, displays, signage, videos</li> </ul>
<p><b>Respiratory Diseases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergies</li> <li>• Asthma</li> <li>• Pneumonia</li> <li>• Tuberculosis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks</li> <li>• Educational materials – books, displays, signage, video</li> <li>• Implement, plan, and monitor preventive services</li> <li>• Routine childhood immunizations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Diabetes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational materials – books, displays, signage, videos</li> <li>• Height/Weight/BMI evaluations</li> <li>• Counseling and health information</li> <li>• Coordination with school-based health center/primary care providers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vision</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational materials – Books, displays, signage, video</li> <li>• Vision screenings and referrals</li> </ul>