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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Michael Sentance
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RE: Classroom-Ready Resources for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and ACT Aspire: Mathematics

The Alabama State Department of Education has developed and made available classroom-ready resources to assist teachers in equipping students with mathematics test-taking strategies in Grades 4 and 8.

Below is a description of the preparation effort along with the training and support options that are available to benefit schools. Your cooperation will accomplish the following:

- Prepare Grades 4 and 8 teachers to simultaneously equip students for NAEP testing and the ACT Aspire with resources matched to College- and Career-Ready Standards (CCRS).
- Equip Grades 4 and 8 teachers with items, tasks, instructional tips, and answer keys that are aligned with the NAEP Objectives, the *Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics*, and the ACT Aspire.
- Provide access to training and support for Grades 4 and 8 teachers from schools that are participating in the 2017 NAEP testing.

Training and support options that are available to your teachers include the following:

- Webinars on classroom-ready resources will be posted on October 13, 2016, for Grades 4 and 8. These resources are available to download at the CCRS Web site under "Resources" on the top bar, and then under "NAEP Info and Resources" on the drop-down list. The resources and Webinars can also be found at the following direct link: http://alex.state.al.us/ccrs/node/314.
- AMSTI site directors and/or specialists in your region will contact you and describe local training and/or support opportunities for Grades 4 and 8 teachers.
- Items and tasks for Weeks 1-5 will be immediately available to download.
- Items and tasks for Weeks 6-10 will be posted and available by October 21, 2016.

- Information and resources concerning a mock test and preparation immediately before NAEP testing takes place at your school will be posted by November 7, 2016.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Diane Duncan or Mrs. Phenicia Nunn, Math Specialists, Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI), at telephone at (334) 353-9151 or via e-mail at dduncan@alsde.edu or pnunn@alsde.edu.

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