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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents  
**FROM:** Michael Sentance *MS*  
State Superintendent of Education  
**RE:** Request for Professional Input on First Draft of the *Alabama Course of Study: Arts*  
and the *Alabama Course of Study: World Languages*

The January 2017 draft of the *Alabama Course of Study: Arts* and the *Alabama Course of Study: World Languages* is ready for public review. Through provision of this preliminary discussion draft, the Arts and the World Languages State Course of Study Committee and Task Force are requesting professional input on the content of these documents from you and/or selected educators from your system with expertise in this field of study. This draft contains the proposed Grades K-12 arts and world languages content regarding what students in Alabama should know and be able to do.

Realizing the importance of this document's content appropriateness, the committee and task force are making the first draft available to those who work daily with students (teachers/supervisors), those who train teachers/supervisors (teacher educators), those who teach this content in state universities, and the general public. In order to receive public input, a copy of the draft is being made available on the Alabama State Department of Education Web site at <http://www.alsde.edu> and will be posted from **Wednesday, December 7, 2016, through Friday, January 6, 2017**. Comments should be entered electronically on the review Web site and must be received by Friday, January 6, 2017.

Please share this information with the faculty and staff in each of your schools. Your assistance in ensuring that Alabama's students have the best possible arts and world languages curriculum is appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Michele Matin, Instructional Services Section, by fax at (334) 242-0482, by e-mail at [mmatin@alsde.edu](mailto:mmatin@alsde.edu) or by mail at the address shown at the bottom of this memorandum.

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