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ASSESSMENT WAIVER REQUEST
Every Student Succeeds Act

Montgomery, Ala. - The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is requesting a waiver, pursuant to Section 8401(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), of Section 1111(b)(3)(C)(ii) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), that Alabama’s assessment system measures the full range of the state’s academic content standards. Alabama requests this waiver only with respect to measuring the state’s speaking and listening content standards, which are part of the state’s reading/language arts academic content standards.

Prior to submitting this waiver request, the ALSDE must provide all local education agencies (LEAs) and the public with a notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. Please review the waiver request. Please e-mail any written comments to Rebecca Mims at rmims@alsde.edu by Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

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