

April 28, 2020

Superintendents,

Based on the most recent State Health Order issued today, April 28, 2020, by Dr. Scott Harris, there are a few things that I need to update.

- 1) ***1) The status of school campuses and in-person instruction, to include academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities, remains unchanged.***
- 2) Under Section 3, certain non-work related gatherings are allowed. Presumably, very small graduation ceremonies or even “drive-in” ceremonies could be held under this provision, but it would be incumbent upon each superintendent to maintain applicable social distancing rules to maintain both the spirit and letter of the Order. Please remember to run any such proposals by your school board attorney.
- 3) This order remains in effect through May 15, 2020. We will continue to work with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Governor’s office as any additional guidance is developed.
- 4) Additionally, we know that several students are still awaiting the completion of CCR credentials. We will continue to extend the deadline for credential completion for the Class of 2020 for several more weeks or even months in order to get the best count possible. More detail on this will come later.

I apologize for the lateness of this email, but I felt that this information did not need to wait until our regular Friday update.

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