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Alabama  
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**PRESS EVENT TODAY - MEDIA ADVISORY**

Governor Kay Ivey  
President

**WHAT:** Press Conference regarding Alabama schools and student testing during the national Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) effort.

Jackie Zeigler  
District I  
President Pro Tem

**WHEN:** Friday, March 20, 2020 – Starting at 2:30 p.m.  
ALSDE Gordon Persons Building – Room P103  
(Appropriate social distancing measures will be adhered to)

Tracie West  
District II

*This Press Conference will be available Live Stream – See link below:*  
<https://livestream.com/accounts/26314369/pressconference032020>

Stephanie Bell  
District III

Media Members may also Call-in at 334-694-4932

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV

**WHO:** Dr. Eric Mackey, AL State Superintendent of Education

During this difficult and stressful time, schools are looking for some good news, and today United States Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos delivered great news! We are very pleased that the Secretary has created an expedited process to waive standardized assessments and related accountability reporting. Alabama will be submitting a waiver today requesting any and all the flexibility allowed pursuant to the Secretary’s letter.

Tommy T. Stewart, Ph.D.  
District V

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.  
District VI

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