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Alabama Needs Assistance in Implementing the Requirements of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Montgomery, AL – According to the June 25, 2020, letter addressed to the State Superintendent of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Dr. Eric G. Mackey, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), has determined that under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 616(d)(2)(A)(i) the ALSDE needs assistance in meeting the requirements of Part B of the IDEA.

This status determination is based on the totality of the state’s data and information, including the state’s Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 Annual Performance Report (APR), revised State Performance Plan (SPP), state-reported data, and other publicly available information.

The IDEA requires that the U. S. Secretary of Education make an annual determination as to whether each state meets the requirements of the statute based on the data submitted in the Annual Performance Report (APR) and other available information.

The OSEP makes annual determinations in implementing Part B of the IDEA according to the following categories: “Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention.”

Under Section 616(d) of the IDEA, states are required to report annually to the Secretary on the performance of the state according to the targets established in the SPP under Part B of the IDEA. Each state’s APR was due February 3, 2020.

The ALSDE submitted its FFY 2018 APR in January 2020. The FFY 2018 SPP/APR for Alabama has been posted on the ALSDE’s website (www.alsde.edu) and may be accessed by hovering over Support Systems, selecting the link Special Education Services, and then clicking Data/Reporting, and the SPP/APR tab.

The direct link to the FFY 2018 SPP/APR is as follows: https://www.alsde.edu/sec/SES/Reports/AL-01%20SPP%20PART%20B%20FFY%202018-19%20%20701%2020200713002300.pdf.

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