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TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice ^{TRB}
 State Superintendent of Education

RE: Achievement Series Item Libraries

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is in the process of developing libraries of questions that can be used to formatively assess students. The questions will be accessed via the Global Scholar/Scantron Achievement Series platform. I am pleased to invite educators statewide to create test items that will be used to populate the libraries of questions. I encourage you to identify highly skilled educators within your system or school and ask them to submit criterion-based test questions for review. We are soliciting questions that your educators have previously utilized or are willing to create for this purpose. Though we are asking for questions in all subject areas, we are particularly interested in receiving questions in subject areas for which item banks currently do not exist such as fine arts, physics, earth science, etc.

Test questions that are submitted should be based on current College- and Career-Ready or Career Technical Education Course of Study Standards. To help with organization, each question should follow the naming guidelines in the attached document.

Please submit all criterion-based test questions to Mrs. Patience Oranika at poranika@alsde.edu no later than the close of business on April 30, 2014. Also, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Achievement Series libraries of questions, please e-mail Mrs. Oranika or contact her at (334) 242-9742.

Please forward this memorandum and attachment to your school principals.

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Attachment

cc: K-12 School Principals

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Achievement Series Item Library Identifiers: Content Specific Examples

The following are examples of Naming Nomenclature/ identifiers for each test item submitted:

Fine Arts:

Content: VA

Grade/Level: 6

Standard: 1

Strand(s): (P); (R); (U)

Reading/English Language/Arts

Content: ELA

Grade: K

Standard/Strand: RL 1; RI 13

Mathematics

Grade (Subject). Alabama COS # [Content Standard Identifier]

K.6 [K-CC5]

Algebra I.28 [F-IF4]

Social Studies:

Content: Social Studies

Grade/Level: K.

Standard: 12

Strand(s): Economics, History, Civics/History

Content: Alabama Studies

Grade: 4

Standard: 5

Strand(s): Geography, History, Civics/Government

Content: Geography

Grade: 7

Standard: 12

Strand(s): Economics, Geography, History, Civics/Government

Content: US History Industrial Revolution to Present

Grade: 11

Standard: 5

Strand(s): Economics, History, Civics/Government