January 30, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey  
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) 101 Training Sessions for Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

On September 1, 2018, the Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) became the required pedagogical assessment for individuals who complete an Alabama state-approved Educator Preparation Program. The edTPA is required for initial certification in all teaching fields for which an edTPA Handbook has been developed. Individuals are required to receive a passing score on the edTPA Handbook applicable to their specific teaching field and grade level. For areas where the edTPA Handbook has not been developed, the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) will continue to be the required pedagogical assessment. Individuals who hold a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field are not required to complete the edTPA or the PLT. Additional information can be found at www.alsde.edu/sec/en (choose Educator Assessment Policies and then choose Educator Assessment Policies Manual A).

Soon, the edTPA will also be required for individuals pursuing certification through the Provisional Certificate in a Teaching Field (PCTF) Approach and the Provisional Certificate in a Career and Technical Teaching Field (PCCT) Approach. Individuals on these approaches will complete the appropriate edTPA Handbook prior to the LEA requesting the third PCTF or PCCT. Electronic submission by the testing company of the individual’s current passing score will be required for issuance of the third certificate.

Since these individuals are not required to complete a traditional Educator Preparation Program at an Alabama college or university, they will complete the edTPA process as a “Candidate Unaffiliated with an Educator Preparation Program.” It will be imperative that LEAs have a clear understanding of the edTPA process so they can assist and support their employees through registration, portfolio development, and portfolio submission.

In an effort to provide initial training for LEA representatives, the ALSDE will be partnering with Evaluation Systems, a Pearson group that serves as the operational partner for edTPA and facilitates the administration of the assessment for submission, scoring, and reporting. Training sessions for edTPA 101 are being offered in the northern, central, and southern portions of the state. These sessions will provide an overview of the edTPA assessment, including design and architecture, scoring and data reports, and support systems. There will also be a “Handbook Introduction” section that will review the structure of the handbooks, edTPA tasks and rubrics, and supplemental resources and materials.
Each LEA may register up to two people for this training. Additional in-depth trainings will follow at a later date and build on the information provided in the edTPA 101 training sessions.

The training dates, locations, and times are as follows:

**Southern - February 27, 2019**
South Baldwin Culinary Arts Center
19150-A Wilters Street
Robertsdale, Alabama 36567
Session I – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Central - February 28, 2019**
Bellinger Hill Building
1153 South Lawrence Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Session I – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Northern - March 1, 2019**
Athens City Schools Central Office
455 U.S. Highway 31 North
Athens, Alabama 35611
Session I – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Host: Baldwin County Schools
Host: Montgomery Public Schools
Host: Athens City Schools

Please use the attached form to register for this training. You will only attend one of the three-hour training sessions (either morning or afternoon). In an effort to keep the groups small and allow the presenter to answer individual questions and provide personalized assistance, we are making every effort to limit the sessions to 50 persons. Please indicate a first and second choice on your registration form. Please email the registration form to dpeacock@alsde.edu no later than Friday, February 8, 2019.

For additional information regarding the training sessions or registration, please contact Dr. Deanise Peacock, ALSDE Assessment Coordinator, at 334-694-4595.

EGM/DFP/SG

Attachment

cc: City and County School Systems Human Resource Directors
    Dr. Daniel Boyd
    Dr. Jayne Meyer
    Mrs. Shavon Cummings

FY19-2050
Training Session for Alabama LEA and edTPA Managers

The ALSDE and Evaluation Systems are partnering to provide an overview of the edTPA Assessment, Support System, and a walkthrough of the edTPA Handbook and resources. Trainings will be provided at the following:

**February 27, 2019**
South Baldwin Culinary Arts Center
19150-A Wilters Street
Robertsdale, Alabama 36567

Session I – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Central - February 28, 2019**
Bellinger Hill Building
1153 South Lawrence Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Session I – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Northern - March 1, 2019**
Athens City Schools Central Office
455 U.S. Highway 31 North
Athens, Alabama 35611

Session I – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Please complete the registration information and email to dpeacock@alsde.edu no later than Friday, February 8, 2019.*
School System

Session Preference (circle first choice):
February 27, 2019 - a.m. session  February 28, 2019 - p.m. session
February 27, 2019 - p.m. session  March 1, 2019 - a.m. session
February 28, 2019 - a.m. session  March 1, 2019 - p.m. session

Session Preference (circle second choice):
February 27, 2019 - a.m. session  February 28, 2019 - p.m. session
February 27, 2019 - p.m. session  March 1, 2019 - a.m. session
February 28, 2019 - a.m. session  March 1, 2019 - p.m. session

Participant(s) Information:
1. Name ____________________________________________
   Email ____________________________________________
   Phone ____________________________________________
   Position ____________________________________________

2. Name ____________________________________________
   Email ____________________________________________
   Phone ____________________________________________
   Position ____________________________________________