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MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Virtual School Assurances on AdvancED’s eProve Diagnostics Platform

In the 2019-2020 school year, systems that have a virtual school must complete the Virtual School Assurances in AdvancED’s eProve Diagnostics Platform. According to Act 2015-89, Virtual School Act, school systems are required to ensure that online providers of virtual courses are accredited by a recognized accreditation entity, and it is essential that the courses contain the required content as identified in the applicable Alabama Course of Study. Additionally, virtual schools are required to abide by federal education statutes including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Virtual School Assurances should only be completed by systems with a virtual school that earns foundation units and enroll more than 250 students. Brick and mortar schools that offer virtual programs or virtual courses do not need to complete the assurances. Each system that has a virtual school should complete the assurances on or before August 1, 2019.

To complete the Virtual School Assurances, please go to the following link: https://www.alsde.edu/sec/rd/Virtual%20Schools/Virtual%20Schools%20Assurance.pdf.

Contact Mrs. Jean Scott by email at jscott@alsde.edu or by telephone at (334) 694-4710 for additional information.

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