



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Ed Richardson
Interim State Superintendent of Education

Alabama
State Board
of Education

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MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
District I

FROM: Ed Richardson *ER*
Interim State Superintendent of Education

Betty Peters
District II

RE: Change to Identified Measure for Reporting Student
Poverty

Stephanie Bell
District III
Vice President

The Alabama State Department of Education will begin using the identified students percentage as the measure of poverty for reporting purposes beginning with data from the 2017-2018 school year. This will not impact free/reduced lunch percentages or Title I funding, as schools and systems will continue to utilize their existing processes for determining those items. The identified measure will only be utilized to increase the accuracy of the economically disadvantaged subgroup reporting.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

The economically disadvantaged subgroup will consist of students whose families are receiving Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and/or Medicaid benefits. It will also include students in foster care who are homeless and/or whose guardians are migrant workers.

Ella B. Bell
District V

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI
President Pro Tem

The switch to this approach for reporting data will result in data that are more reliable and more standardized. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Tony Thacker at telephone number 334-242-9742 or by e-mail at tthacker@alsde.edu.

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District VII

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Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.
District VIII

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