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First Look at Educator Prep Report Cards, FY20 Budget Request

State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey unveiled the new Educator Preparation Institutional Report Card during the Sept. 13 State Board of Education work session, ahead of a public release. This is the first report card for colleges and universities graduating teacher candidates since 2009 and includes 2016-17 data on first-year teachers from undergraduate and graduate programs. The report shows how many attempts it took candidates from each institution to pass teacher certification tests and includes results of a first-year teacher survey completed by teachers and their school principals/employers. The survey questions attempt to measure how prepared teachers are in their first year of teaching. The instrument was created by the Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and administered by the Alabama State Department of Education.

Mackey said he is pleased with the report card overall, adding that the results show that content knowledge and knowing *how* to teach are both important. He said the information can be used to highlight challenges each institution can address. Report cards for each institution are [posted on the ALSDE website](#).

Also at the work session, Mackey presented a [proposed FY20 education budget request](#), which includes \$158 million in proposed increases. Mackey said he developed the budget priorities from state board members and local superintendent input.

State board members identified seven funding priorities:

- 1) **Literacy/Reading** - \$5 million increase for dyslexia support and Alabama Reading Initiative
- 2) **Numeracy/Mathematics** - \$2 million increase to support the new math standards/curriculum
- 3) **Jobs for Alabama Graduates (JAG)** - \$1 million increase
- 4) **Career Technical Education (CTE)** - \$1 million increase
- 5) **Other Current Expense (OCE)** - \$39.8 million increase, half of which would go to support school safety initiatives recommend-

ed by Gov. Kay Ivey's SAFE Council

- 6) **National Board Certified Teachers** - (NBCT) - \$100,000 increase
- 7) **Divisors/Smaller Class Size** - \$21.9 million increase to add some 243 new teachers in grades 4-6

Local superintendents identified an additional five funding priorities:

- 1) **Transportation** - \$11 million increase (\$5 million for new buses; \$6 million for operations)
- 2) **Nurses** - \$30 million increase (an offset to the \$35 million in local revenue school systems currently spend on exploding health needs instead of academic programs)
- 3) **English Language Learners (ELL)** - \$9 million increase (support for students do not speak English as their first language)
- 4) **Special Education Preschool** - \$16.8 million increase (funding required for 3- and 4-year-old children identified with special needs)
- 5) **"1%" Salary Line** - \$20 million increase (funding to support personnel contracts that exceed 9 months)

The proposal also seeks increases to the Foundation's State Instructional Support:

- **Student Materials** from \$536.00 to \$600/unit
- **Technology** from \$300 to \$350/unit
- **Professional Development** from \$90 to \$100/unit
- **Library Enhancement** from \$96 to \$200/unit
- **Textbooks** from \$70 to \$75/ADM

The board will vote on the proposed budget at its October meeting.

Three personnel recommendations were approved at the board meeting by a 5-0 vote, with Stephanie Bell abstaining. Two of the hires already are serving in their new roles: Dr. Jeff Langham as chief of staff and Dr. Tony Thacker as the assistant state superintendent of Evaluation and Innovation. Current Eufaula City Schools Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Davis will join the department in October as the assistant state superintendent of Instruction

Save 10% by Booking Whole Board Training for September!

Just a couple of weeks remain to get 10% off the regular whole board training fee by booking and completing your AASB-provided training in Sept.

It's a Date!

Sept. 17 (1.5 hours)
[District 6 Meeting](#)

Sept. 18 (1.5 hours)
[District 7 Meeting](#)

Sept. 21
[All-State Awards Nomination deadline](#)

Sept. 24 (1.5 hours)
[District 9 Meeting](#)

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 (6 hours)
[Fall Academy Core Conference: Leadership to Create the Optimal Learning Environment](#)

Oct. 1 (2 hours)
[Post-Conference Workshop: Communicating in a Crisis](#)

Dec. 6 (8 hours)
[AASB Annual Convention](#)
Birmingham, Ala.

Jan. 11 (8 hours)
[Roles & Responsibilities Orientation](#)
Montgomery, Ala.

Jan. 12 (6 hours)
[Effective Boards & Relationships](#)
Montgomery, Ala.



Services.

In other business, the board [received recommendations for the adoption of textbooks](#) for Digital Literacy and Computer Science, grades k-12. In addition, the board approved the following Alabama Administrative Code changes:

- **Apportionment of Funds:** Changes needed to reflect the enacted FY19 budget and lower divisors for grades 4-6 and permit flexibility for fleet renewal funds .
- **Alabama High School Diploma:** Language for mathematics-credit eligible and science-credit eligible replaces “equivalent” courses.
- **Dual Enrollment:** Language clarifies agreements between two-year colleges/universities and local school systems for awarding credit. The responsibility for course content, student placement and quality of instruction rests with the institution of higher education.

Next State Board Work Session and Meeting

The State Board will next meet on Oct. 11, with a work session at 10 a.m., followed by a meeting at 11 a.m.

Fall Conference: Leadership to Create the Optimal Learning Environment



There's still time to [register for AASB's Fall Academy Core Conference, Leadership to Create the Optimal Learning Environment](#), at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The lineup of dynamic speakers and informative topics will help your board understand how optimal learning environments contribute to student success. General sessions include:

- **Dr. Andy Parker:** *Implicit Bias*
- **Tim Hodges:** *Lessons Learned from Gallup Research from Student Career & Success*
- **Olympia Della Flora:** *Strategies for Creating a Trauma Sensitive Classroom*

Fall Post-Conference Workshop: Communicating in a Crisis

After the conference, you won't want to miss the Oct. 1 [Fall Post-Conference Workshop on Communicating in a Crisis](#). This workshop will feature hands-on guidance to help your board survive a crisis with timely, accurate and strategic communications as well as media savviness.

Don't Forget Your School Supply Donations



communities in this important effort to make a difference!

AASB will once again collect school supplies during the Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Fall Academy Core Conference. We're asking all attendees to bring school supplies which will be donated to a local charity to help area schoolchildren. Involve your schools and

Free Admission to AHSAA Playoff Games with Your AASB Membership Card



Football season is underway and exciting playoff games will be here before you know it! In addition to serving as a handy reference on how to contact AASB, your AASB membership card (non-transferable) entitles

you to free admission to any state championship playoff game sponsored by the Alabama High School Athletic Association if a school in your system is competing. To request your membership card, call AASB at 800-562-0601 or email membership@AlabamaSchoolBoards.org.

Congrats to District Director Winners

AASB is pleased to announce the results of its recent District Director elections! All nominees ran unopposed and will begin their two-year terms at the close of AASB's Annual Convention in December.

- **District 1 -Shannon Cauley, Baldwin County**
- **District 3 - Dr. Greg Price, Pike County**
- **District 5 - Renna Soles-Scott, Bessemer**
- **District 7 - Brad Ingle, Walker County**
- **District 9 - Beth Wilder, Huntsville**

Early Registration Dates for NSBA Events

Early registration opens Sept. 26 for NSBA's Annual Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C., which will be held January 27-29. Get the tools you need to sharpen your advocacy skills and to conduct effective meetings with elected officials. representatives. [Learn more.](#)

Mark your calendar for the National School Board Association's (NSBA) annual Conference & Expedition in Philadelphia on March 30 - April 1. **Early registration for National Connection, CUBE and Member State Associations opens Oct.11.** General registration opens Oct. 18. [Learn more.](#)

How County Boards Should Raise Their Salaries

Is your county school board considering a salary raise? This act may only be taken up in November during the required meeting allowing the public to address the board about the allotment of public funds and other board matters relating to Ala. Code §16-8-3. Board members can receive compensation of up to \$600 a month, unless a higher figure is set by a local act according to Ala. Code §16-1-26. This figure does not include expenses such as traveling and transacting board business.

The raise would go into effect when the next board member begins a new term in office. Please contact AASB at 334-277-9700 if you have questions.

Names of Delegates and Alternates Due Nov. 2

AASB conducts association business, makes necessary adjustments to bylaws and votes on resolutions that guide its legislative agenda during the annual Delegate Assembly, which this year will be held Dec. 6. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for delegate selection forms asking your board to choose delegates and alternates. School boards must provide AASB with those names by Nov. 2. They can be mailed to AASB or emailed to cwhite@alabamaschoolboards.org.

We're Looking for a Few Good Board Members!



**ALL-STATE
NOMINATIONS
DUE SEPT. 21**