



FOR YOUR *information*

A MONTHLY UPDATE ON
STATE BOARD PROCEEDINGS,
ASSOCIATION NEWS &
K-12 TOPICS

March 12, 2021



SBOE Adopts New ELA and CTE State Courses of Study

The State Board of Education unanimously adopted a new state course of study for Career Technical Education (CTE) during the board's regular meeting Thursday. The board also adopted the new state course of study for English Language Arts (ELA), with Board Vice President Jackie Zeigler (District 1), Stephanie Bell (District 3) and Dr. Wayne Reynolds (District 7) voting no.

The board unanimously approved a resolution to receive State Textbook Committee recommendations for adoption of CTE textbooks in three clusters: agriculture, food and natural resources; law, public safety, corrections and security; and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Other board action included unanimous approval of two resolutions related to educator assessment requirements and summer reading assessments, both part of the Alabama Literacy Act.

The work session following Thursday's meeting included discussion and updates on a range of topics including:

- COVID-19 related mental health supports for students and teachers;
- The textbook selection process and related SB217;
- Implementation status of recommendations made by Lean Frog to overhaul the department's recertification processes;
- Progress on the new ALSDE website expected to launch this summer;
- LETRS training; and
- State assessments.

Deputy State Superintendent Andy Craig provided an update

on the ALSDE's financials as part of a previous request by the board for quarterly financial reports.

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Summer Conference: Registration Opens Monday, March 15

The countdown is on to AASB's 2021 Summer Conference June 18-20 at the Lodge at Gulf State Park. Registration and the hotel room block for Summer Conference will open Monday, March 15. Attendees must first register for the conference to book a room under AASB's group block at the Lodge.

In addition to the new location, this year's conference will feature several other new changes to allow us to accommodate more members while still practicing social distancing.

What's New?

- The Early Bird Summer Law Clinic a day early on Thursday, June 17, with in-person and virtual options
- Dual tracks allowing members to attend either morning sessions only or afternoon sessions only
- A virtual option
- An optional Sunday morning program

[View Summer Conference Details](#)



Just Three Months Remaining to Get Your Whole Board Training

The 2020-21 training year deadline is **June 30**. Has your board completed or scheduled its state-mandated Whole Board Training? If not, now is the time. Slots will begin filling quickly this spring, so be sure to contact us soon to get on the calendar.

[Browse our Whole Board Training Catalog](#) to choose from more than 40 available training topics, or contact us to discuss a custom training option. Both remote and in-person trainings are available to meet your needs.



Civic Education Fellowship Opportunity

The David Mathews Center (DMC) is now accepting applications for its Innovators in Civic Education Fellowship!

This fellowship provides classroom and community-based educators with the resources and training they need to bring high-quality, civics-forward education to their classroom. The skills learned during the fellowship can benefit teachers in any discipline or grade-level who hope to integrate civics or social studies into their curriculum.

The application deadline Friday, April 23.

[Learn More](#)

Encourage Your Schools to Enter AASB's Video Contest!

We're still accepting submissions for AASB's 10th annual statewide student video contest. This year's contest is open to Alabama public school students in grades 4-12. More than \$3,000 and bragging rights are up for grabs!

The "Road to Success" student video contest showcases excellence in teaching, student creativity and the myriad ways Alabama's public schools are preparing students for success.

The deadline to enter is April 23.

[View Contest Details](#)



Just Ask Jayne

Administrator Non-Renewal and Return to Classroom Pay?

Dear Jayne: Two years ago, we promoted a longtime teacher to Assistant Principal. He's still on a teacher salary schedule but was given an "Assistant Principal" supplement to raise his pay. Unfortunately, he's not working out in that position. Can we nonrenew him as an Assistant Principal and return him to the classroom at teacher pay?

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REMINDER: Ethics Forms Due April 30

It's time for school board members and superintendents to file annual financial disclosure forms with the state Ethics Commission. The forms are available on the State of Alabama Ethics Commission's website.

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Share Your School System's Policy Links With AASB

AASB's free online Policy Links provide direct access to school systems' online policy manuals. Curious about what other boards have in policy? Want to know what format other school systems are using to share their policies with their community? Just browse through the links.

Please help us keep the Policy Links service up to date. Submit the link to your school system's policies using our online Policy Links form.

To learn more about any of AASB's Policy Links or any of its policy services – Policy Pipeline, Policy Review & Analysis or Policy Listserv, call 334-277-9700, or email us at policy@AlabamaSchoolBoards.org.

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AASB Job Board: Superintendent of Sylacauga City Schools

The Sylacauga Board of Education is seeking a skilled and visionary leader to build on the strengths of this well-performing school system. The deadline for applications is March 24, 2021.

This search is being conducted by the Alabama Association of School Boards. Learn more about [AASB's Superintendent Search service](#).

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