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Alabama Sees Highest-Ever Scores on State, Federal Report Card

Alabama achieved its highest-ever scores on both the state and federal report cards for the 2024-2025 school year, jumping to an 87 — a two-point improvement from last year.

State Superintendent of Education Eric Mackey announced the achievement during Thursday's State Board of Education meeting, highlighting increases in A-B schools and decreases in D-F schools across the state. Every performance indicator except academic growth showed improvement, including academic achievement, ELL proficiency progress, chronic absenteeism, graduation rates and college and career readiness.

The board also received updates on the School Security Act of 2024, with safety inspections already completed at 59 schools in 2025. Schools receive color-coded safety ratings (green, yellow, or red) based on compliance with security criteria, with local boards receiving copies of inspection results and recommendations for improvement.

Additionally, members discussed the new Digital Literacy and Computer Science Course of Study designed to prepare Alabama students for a rapidly evolving technological world and to help the state maintain its top five ranking for computer science education.

[Read Full Story](#)

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION



New Board Member Orientation: Helping You Navigate School Board Service

Ready to conquer your path through the complex new world of school board service? AASB's New Board Member Orientation is your map to success, with two essential stops along the route:

Stop #1: Roles & Responsibilities | Friday, Jan. 9 | 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | AASB Office, Montgomery

Navigate your way through the twists and turns of education law, school finance, ethics and effective board meetings. School Board Members \$99, Superintendents \$79 (8 training hours)

Stop #2: Effective Boards & Relationships | Saturday, Jan. 10 | 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. | AASB Office, Montgomery

Master the intricate pathways of board relationships, community connections and productive partnerships with stakeholders and policymakers. School Board Members \$79, Superintendents \$59 (6 training hours)

NOTE: The state of Alabama requires all local school board members to complete orientation. By taking both parts of AASB's orientation, members not only meet the orientation requirement, but also the state ethics training requirement.

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Merlyna Adams



Darryl Bellamy, Jr.



Garrison Wynn

AASB CONVENTION: Don't Miss Your Chance to Hear From Our Powerful Keynote Speakers!



Thursday, Dec. 4 - Saturday, Dec. 6

More than 400 education leaders have registered for AASB's 2025 Convention & Delegate Assembly at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa Dec. 4-6, which will bring together school board members from across Alabama for three days of learning, networking and powerful keynote sessions.

Our speakers truly embody this year's theme, "Unbreakable: Bold & Resilient Leadership," each bringing unique perspectives forged through personal triumph, groundbreaking research and decades of leadership expertise.

Merlyna Adams, school principal-turned-quadruple amputee, will share her powerful story of transforming adversity into inspiration, leading with resilience and grit. **Darryl Bellamy, Jr.**, founder of the Fearless Inside movement with data from 60,000+ students provides education leaders with strategies to foster resilience and reduce anxiety in schools. **Garrison Wynn**, bestselling author of "The Real Truth About Success," combines humor with actionable leadership insights on high-performance and effective influence. (Earn up to 8 hours.)



Pre-Convention Session: DeMystifying AI

Thursday, Dec. 4 | 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Arrive early December 4 and get ahead of the curve with this engaging summit designed specifically for school board members navigating the AI revolution. Led by renowned educational technology expert **Jeff Utecht**, this isn't another overwhelming tech presentation! Our Demystifying A.I. workshop cuts through the hype to deliver what you actually need to know about artificial intelligence in education.

You'll gain foundational knowledge about generative AI, explore real-world applications already working in schools like yours, and participate in hands-on, interactive activities that make the concepts stick.

Walk away with practical insights you can use immediately - from understanding AI policies on your board agenda to asking the right questions about technology implementations in your school system. (Earn 3.5 hours.)

There's still time to register for the AI Workshop and Convention!

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Two Great Opportunities to Give Back this Season

FOOD DRIVE



Feeding Families in Need

Thanks to your incredible generosity, AASB's Food Drive is making a real impact! We've extended collections through this week to maximize our support for the Heart of Alabama Food Bank.

Choose from three easy ways to give:

1. Drop off non-perishable items at the AASB office (43 S Jackson St, Montgomery, AL)
2. Purchase food items at online bit.ly/AASBFoodDrive
3. Donate funds at bit.ly/AASBFundDrive



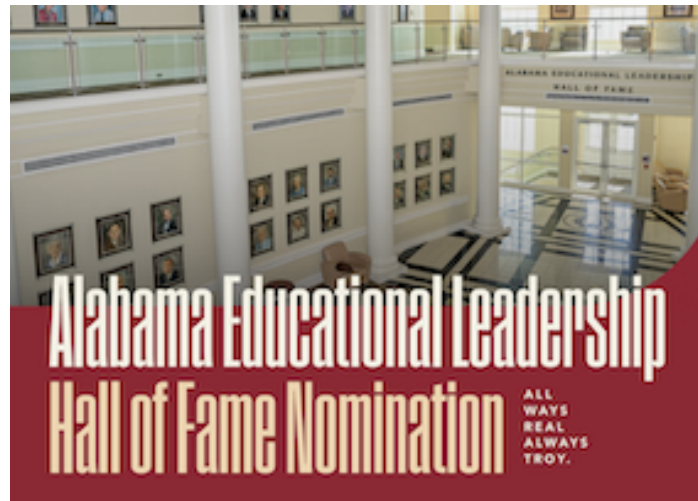
Making a Magical Christmas Possible for Every Child

AASB will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for our fifth annual Convention Toy Drive.

As an official dropoff site for the River Region's Magical Christmas Toy Drive, community members can bring toy donations to the AASB Office (43 S Jackson St, Montgomery, AL) Nov. 10 - Dec. 10. Members attending the AASB Convention Dec. 4 - 6 can bring their toy donations with them to the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa.

All toy donations benefit the Salvation Army. [View list of suggested age-appropriate toys.](#)

Nominations Open for Alabama Educational Leadership Hall of Fame



Do you know an educational leader whose impact deserves lasting recognition? The Alabama Educational Leadership Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for its 2026 induction class through **December 31, 2025**.

Established in 1982, this prestigious honor - presented jointly by Troy University, AASB, and the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools - celebrates individuals whose exceptional leadership and service have transformed education in Alabama.

Submit your nomination today to ensure these remarkable leaders receive the perpetual recognition they deserve.

NOTE: Strong preference will be given to individuals who have retired from active service and are no longer engaged in the day-to-day administrative or instructional operations of a school.

[View Nomination Form](#)

COSSBA National Events & Updates



Registration Open for COSSBA 2026 Annual Conference

[Registration for COSSBA's 2026 National Conference](#), Education Evolution - Transformative Leadership in Changing Times, is now open. This event, slated for **March 13-16**, in Louisville, Ky., will bring together visionary school board members, superintendents, administrators and education partners from across the country for an unforgettable experience focused on impact and innovation.

In addition, COSSBA is [inviting schools to showcase their outstanding student talent](#) at the 2026 National Conference. This is a unique opportunity for students to represent their districts and share their creativity and excellence with education leaders from across the country.



Webinar: Building Stronger Schools Through Consistent and Caring Discipline

The COSSBA Unified Boards Alliance (UBA) will host a webinar on Building Stronger Schools Through Consistent & Caring Discipline **Wednesday, Nov. 19 from noon to 1 p.m. (Eastern)**.

This free webinar is part of a series designed to equip association members with the newest insights, strategies, and resources necessary for making informed decisions and driving positive change across all educational settings.

[Register now.](#)

Spotlight: Salute to U.S. Army Veteran and Macon County Board Member Clinton Boyd, Jr.

BOARD MEMBER *Spotlight*

Meet Clinton Boyd
Macon County Board of Education

Q: How has your military experience shaped your approach to school board leadership?

A: — “ —
My military training gave me structure in reference to protocol and chain of command. I was able to share with the school board how decision-making and operations can work better with a systematic approach.
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In honor of Veterans Day, we're proud to spotlight Macon County Board Member **Sgt. Major Clinton Boyd, Jr. (Ret.)** - a testament to lifelong service.

After more than 28 years in the United States Army, Boyd returned home to Macon County to continue serving the community that shaped him, first as a JROTC instructor for 15 years and now as a dedicated school board member.

A proud product of Macon County schools himself, Boyd brings military-honed leadership and a systematic approach to ensuring today's students succeed.

[Read More](#)



Encourage Your Schools to Compete in the 2025-2026 Governor's App Challenge!

Alabama students have the opportunity to showcase their computer programming skills in the statewide Governor's App Challenge! This competition recognizes students' mastery of app development and design, with cash prizes awarded to top winners in each grade band.

Teams must register by **January 19, 2026**, with school winners advancing through district judging to the state finals at the Computer Science Summit in April 2026.

[Learn More](#)

Celebrate Educators in November!



Thank Alabama Teachers Month: Take time this month to recognize the exceptional educators in your schools! The 6th annual Thank Alabama Teachers Month celebrates teachers who are "not just shaping lessons, but shaping lives," said State Superintendent of Education Eric Mackey.

With Alabama leading the nation in educational recovery and achieving a 92% graduation rate, there's much to celebrate. Encourage your communities to thank teachers throughout November using resources available at [WeTeachAlabama.com/thank-teachers](https://www.weteachalabama.com/thank-teachers).



American Education Week: American Education Week kicks off Monday, November 17. Join the National Education Association in recognizing the heroes of public education. This special week celebrates the entire school family - teachers, support staff, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, administrators and all who contribute to student success. Visit the American Education Week website for resources and creative ways to show your appreciation throughout the week! [Learn more.](#)

Greene County Schools



The banner features the Greene County Schools logo in the top left corner. The main text reads 'SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH' in large, bold letters. Below this, there is a photograph of three students (two girls and one boy) looking at a book together. A green box with white text says 'APPLY BY: DEC. 10'. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. At the bottom, a green bar contains the text 'APPLY: bit.ly/greeneco-supt'.

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AASB Job Board

Greene County Schools Superintendent

The Greene County Board of Education is seeking an experienced and dedicated leader with a strong background in driving student success to become its next superintendent. This search is being conducted by AASB.

The application deadline is **Dec. 10, 2025**.

[Learn More/Apply](#)



The advertisement shows a woman wearing a light blue button-down shirt with a small logo on the chest. The background is a dark blue gradient with a curved orange and red border on the left. The text 'Shop the AASB Store!' is written in large, white, bold letters. Below the text, the website 'AlabamaSchoolBoards.LogoWearCompany.com' is listed in a smaller white font.

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