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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents
FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
State Superintendent of Education
RE: Alabama Teacher of the Year Program

In preparation for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 school year and our Alabama Teacher of the Year Program, I am directing that the following revision be made to the criteria for eligibility:

The Alabama Teacher of the Year Program is open to any public school certified classroom teacher, librarian, counselor or other certified individuals, as selected by the faculty at the participating school. It is open to those whose major responsibility is to work with children in a P-12 setting and provide learning opportunities to meet the academic goals and graduation requirements set by the Alabama State Board of Education.

This new eligibility criteria is based on broad input from faculty within schools across the state of Alabama who see the value of the instructional team as crucial to success and, in many cases, would like the possibility to nominate those with whom they feel best represent their efforts.

This change and other related changes will be included in the 2015-2016 Alabama Teacher of the Year application that will be posted to the Department's Web site on August 22, 2014.

Thank you for your continued support of the Alabama Teacher of the Year Program and best wishes for continued success.

TRB/AS

cc: Ann Starks

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