



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Ed Richardson
Interim State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama
State Board
of Education

MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
District I

FROM: Ed Richardson 
Interim State Superintendent of Education

Betty Peters
District II

SUBJECT: Joint Resolution on Heavy Backpacks

Stephanie Bell
District III
Vice President

Each year the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) provides information on enacted law regarding Alabama School Health. The local education agency (LEA) has the responsibility for ensuring that compliance and awareness of the law is provided to staff, parents and/or legal guardians, and students.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

On February 28, 2017, former Governor Robert Bentley signed Joint Resolution 8 urging all school administrators, teachers, parents, and students to take precautionary health measures related to the potential impact of the use of heavy backpacks.

Ella B. Bell
District V

The following link is provided for your convenience to access a video that may be used by your LEA: www.bacsupport.com.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
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If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Ventress, Nurse Administrator, or Ms. LaBrenda Marshall, Nurse Manager, at 334-242-8165 or e-mail at jventress@alsde.edu or lmarshall@alsde.edu.

Jeff Newman
District VII

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District VIII

cc: City and County School Nurses
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Principals and Assistant Principals

Ed Richardson
Interim Secretary and
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