



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Joseph B. Morton
State Superintendent
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State Board
of Education


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MEMORANDUM

Governor Bob Riley
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
City and County Principals
City and County Technology Coordinators

Randy McKinney
District I
President Pro Tem

FROM: Joseph B. Morton 
State Superintendent of Education

Betty Peters
District II

RE: Pandemic Flu Preparedness

Stephanie W. Bell
District III

We are all aware of the consequences of a flu epidemic in our schools. The losses of educational opportunities are greatly affected when faculty and students are absent from the classroom. Since the meeting with Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services, in Birmingham on February 22, 2006, we have been collaborating with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Channing Bete Company to provide training for the local education agencies (LEAs) on pandemic influenza preparedness.

Dr. Ethel H. Hall
District IV
Vice President
Emerita

Ella B. Bell
District V

Now, the ADPH is providing pandemic flu preparedness CDs through a partnership between Channing Bete Company and the Alabama State Department of Education (SDE). The CDs contain an automated presentation kit designed to provide a 60-, 45-, or 30-minute presentation on pandemic flu preparedness. These kits were prepared to provide information and guidance to faculty, staff, students, parents, and the community in an effort to limit the possibility of an influenza outbreak of pandemic proportion.

David F. Byers, Jr.
District VI

Sandra Ray
District VII
Vice President

Each school system will be receiving the four CDs: Pandemic Flu Preparedness for Grades K-3; Pandemic Flu Preparedness for Grades 4-6; Pandemic Flu Preparedness for Junior High; and Individuals and Families, Pandemic Flu Preparedness for High School. The License Agreement with Channing Bete Company allows for the CDs to be placed on the school system server and accessed by all board employees for the purpose of educating faculty, staff, students, and parents on pandemic flu preparedness.

Dr. Mary Jane Caylor
District VIII

Joseph B. Morton
Secretary and
Executive Officer

For clarification or additional questions and concerns, please telephone Mr. Tom Mock or Dr. Sue B. Adams at 334-242-8165.

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