



MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Alabama State Department of Education and A+ College Ready Announce Results of Advanced Placement Program in Alabama

Governor Robert Bentley and State Superintendent Tommy Bice will announce the annual results of Alabama's Advanced Placement initiative, implemented in partnership with A+ College Ready, which is dramatically increasing the number of Alabama students taking and passing rigorous Advanced Placement* (AP) exams in high schools across the state.

WHO: Dr. Robert Bentley, Governor
Dr. Tommy Bice, Alabama State Superintendent of Education
Preston Bolt, Chairman, A+ Education Partnership Board of Directors
Alabama school leaders, teachers and students

WHAT: Media are invited to participate in a news conference announcing student performance on AP exams for 97 high schools that participated in Alabama's Advanced Placement Training and Incentive program (APTIP). Funded by the State Department of Education, a grant from the National Math and Science Initiative and matching funds from local donors, the program is designed to dramatically increase the number of students in Alabama taking math, science and English Advanced Placement (AP) courses, earning qualifying scores on AP exams and ultimately attending and succeeding in college.

Media are also invited to stay for an AP student / educator panel discussion facilitated by the Governor and the State Superintendent. High Schools represented on the panel are Guntersville, Sardis, Opp and Excel. They were selected because of their outstanding AP growth and success last year.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. CT, Wednesday, August 27, 2014

WHERE: Alabama State Capitol, Auditorium
600 Dexter Avenue, (Use Union Street entrance)
Montgomery, AL 36103

In 2014-15, The ALSDE/A+ College Ready AP Initiative will support 118 schools in 54 districts. The program elements include open enrollment in AP math, science and English classes, increased time on task for students, intensive teacher training, support from master teachers and stipends for teachers and students. **Advanced Placement and AP are registered trademarks of the College Board.*

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