

## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NON-RENEWAL OF ACT ASPIRE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2015, ACT Aspire LLC and the Alabama State Department of Education ("ALSDE") entered into an "ACT Aspire Solutions Agreement Successor Agreement" ("the Agreement") providing for the use of the ACT Aspire assessments, and associated delivery and support services, for the purpose of assessing the academic progress of Alabama's K-12 students; and

**WHEREAS**, paragraph 6(a) of the Agreement provides for an initial contract term continuing through September 30, 2017, and further provides that the Agreement will automatically renew for additional two-year renewal terms unless ALSDE provides notice that it does not desire to extend the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, questions have arisen regarding the suitability of the ACT Aspire assessment for assessing the academic progress of Alabama's K-12 students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education desires to explore other potential options for assessing the academic progress of Alabama's K-12 students:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Superintendent of Education is hereby authorized to exercise ALSDE's option, as set forth in paragraph 6(a) of the Agreement, to give notice of non-renewal of the Agreement, and thereby to cause that Agreement to expire on September 30, 2017.

Done this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 21