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MEMORANDUM

TO:

City and County Superintendents of Education

City and County Career and Technical Administrators

FROM:

Joseph B. Morton

State Superintendent of Education

RE:

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)

In February 2008, the Alabama State Board of Education approved the new Career and Technical Education Course of Study (COS). This COS was developed using the 16 National Career Cluster (Industry Sector) Model. The effective implementation date for the new course of study will be the 2009-2010 school year.

With the implementation of the new course of study, JROTC will become a part of the Alabama State Department of Education (SDE), Career and Technical Education Section, under the Government and Public Administration cluster, National Security pathway, as a life skills program of study. A copy of the code establishing the JROTC program, Title 10 of the Armed Forces, Subtitle A, Part 3, Chapter 102, § 2031, is attached for your information. The purpose of Alabama JROTC is to instill in our secondary students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, and personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. Currently, there are 108 JROTC programs in Alabama, each housed under one of the four military branches of service: Air Force JROTC, Army JROTC, Marine Corp JROTC, and Naval JROTC.

For technical assistance or additional information, you may contact Mrs. Sherry A. Key, Director for Career and Technical Education, at 334-242-9111 or skey@alsde.edu; or Mr. Petro Johnson, Education Specialist, at 334-242-9114 or pjohnson01@alsde.edu.

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Attachment

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