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            Lynn Beshear, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health
            Jimmy Baker, Chancellor, Alabama Community College System

FROM: Governor Kay Ivey

DATE: May 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Implementation of the SAFE Council Recommendations

As you know, a key component of my Smart on Safety Initiative is the Governor's Securing Alabama's Facilities of Education (SAFE) Council, established by Executive Order 713 and comprised of each of you to offer recommendations to enhance school security, prevent school violence, and coordinate school safety training. Having reviewed the recommendations contained in your report dated April 30, 2018, I now ask that you move forward with implementation—and in particular, that you proceed along the following two lines.

First, I ask that you take immediate steps to implement recommendations five through ten of your report. These recommendations—advocating creation of an evidence-based threat assessment model, a virtual threat-reporting platform, a real-time incident-reporting system, and so on—may be implemented immediately through administrative action. I therefore request that you submit to me, by June 15, 2018, a proposed timeline for implementing each of these recommendations. I further request that you immediately begin following that proposed timeline to secure implementation of these recommendations as quickly as possible.

Second, I ask that you provide me with additional information concerning recommendations one through four of the report. These recommendations, which propose additional personnel and security-infrastructure upgrades, each require legislative action to fully effectuate. As to these recommendations, I therefore ask that you provide to me, also by June 15, 2018, answers to the following four questions so that we may accurately determine the additional resources needed for implementation:

- How many K-12 public schools do not have a National Association of School Resource Officers-trained school resource officer (SRO). What is the cost for providing a SRO at every K-12 school without one?

- What is the cost for ensuring that every local education agency has a district safety coordinator (DSC) that is accountable for the district's safety needs and has enough time to adequately respond to threats and address safety issues?

- How many schools have working security cameras that are linked to the Virtual Alabama School Safety System? What is the cost for upgrading the cameras for schools that are not currently linked to Virtual Alabama?

- How many school districts are partnering with the Alabama Department of Mental Health in the Alabama School-Based Mental Health Collaboration (SBMHC)? What is the cost for placing school-based mental health counselors in public school districts that are not currently participating in the SBMHC?

Thank you, as always, for your service to our great State—and, more specifically, for your work on this critical issue. I know that you will continue to perform this work with diligence and care. The safety of Alabama's schoolchildren demands nothing less.