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Mr. William Perkins Executive Director Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners P. O. Box 946 Montgomery, AL 36101

RE: November 19, 2020 Meeting

Dear Mr. Perkins:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and Attorney Hart yesterday at the Alabama Education Association Headquarters. Thank you for agreeing to meet to discuss my November 5, 2020 letter to you. Yesterday's meeting was extremely productive and I hope it will be fruitful as we work together to the benefit of the students, public education employees, and physicians of Alabama. I am happy to hear you and your Board agree there is a problem and you are willing to work with AEA in rectifying it.

When I wrote the aforementioned letter, based upon information provided to me at that time, it was my understanding your Board was aware of the crisis of doctors releasing students from quarantine too early. During our meeting, I learned that neither you nor your Board were aware of this problem, which was not our initial understanding. It was not the intent of AEA to cause any unnecessary problems for you, the doctors you represent, or your organization regarding this matter. Doctors play such an important role in working to find a solution to the pandemic and providing healthcare to those who have been exposed to COVID-19 and we appreciate all they do for the people of Alabama. Their work in eliminating this virus is crucially important.

As a result of our meeting, we both agreed it would be beneficial to bring together representatives of the other organizations on the front lines of this pandemic in order to come up with a uniform procedure for following the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) COVID -19 guidelines. I agree with your plan to conduct this meeting and finalize our goals before the holidays. I look forward to working with your organization to resolve this matter and to achieve our organizations' goals and objectives to keep both students and educators safe.



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As always, AEA strives to come together and work jointly with other organizations to the benefit of Alabama's public schools and their students. Thank you for being willing to join in this effort.

Sincerely,

Pheron Stokes

Associate Executive Director

cc: Sherry Tucker, AEA President

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Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer

Dr. Eric Mackey, State Superintendent of Education

Dr. Mark Wilson, Jefferson County Department of Health

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