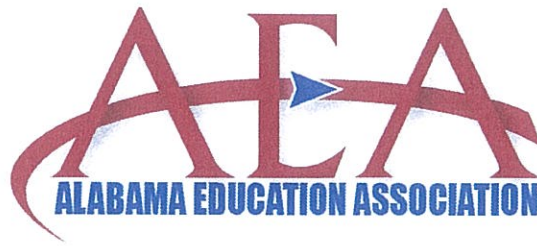


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Mr. William Perkins
Executive Director
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
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RE: Inaccurate COVID-19 Advice by Doctors

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I am writing to you on behalf of all concerned Alabama Education Association members regarding instances of suspicious medical practices throughout the State of Alabama. Numerous members have reported to me that medical professionals are providing medical releases for students to return to school before the expiration of their quarantine period. To be clear, the students at issue are students that were ordered to quarantine because of their status as a close contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 test case. It is our firm belief that there exists no medical scenario under which these students could be written out of quarantine and that to do so, is violative of ADPH and CDC quarantine recommendations.

These medical professionals may not be aware of these quarantine recommendations. If not, they should be informed. However, if they did know about these recommendations, they are endangering the lives of not only students and education employees, but also the lives of these students' custodial parents and other family members who live with them as well as the family members of these school employees. Therefore, it is a gross negligent act if this is the case.

We do not believe that medical professionals can ignore the ADPH and CDC guidelines for quarantine under the above described scenario and remain steadfast in our position that a medical examiner who writes a student out of quarantine when that student is a close contact of a confirmed positive test case is acting negligently and recklessly. When students return to school having not completed the entire 14-day quarantine period, they are placing their fellow students and their schools' employees at risk. For students and school employees who have underlying health conditions, these decisions can be deadly.

We have addressed these concerns with both Dr. Scott Harris and Dr. Eric Mackey. However, this has achieved no positive results because if a medical professional is providing excuses, we feel that creates a medical issue as to who has the authority to order students to be quarantine. Furthermore, local school superintendents are placed in an extremely difficult position in not knowing what medical advice to follow in order to protect their students, school employees, and, in essence, the general public. Therefore, I am reaching out to you and formally putting you on notice that we will hold any doctor personally and professionally liable for any sickness or deaths resulting from this negligent and reckless action.



Therefore, I am putting you and your Board on notice that if this practice continues, I will have no choice but to pursue legal action in order to protect the public from this dangerous virus.

Sincerely,



Theron Stokes

Associate Executive Director

cc: Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer
Dr. Eric Mackey, State Superintendent of Education
Dr. Ryan Hollingsworth, School Superintendents
Dr. Mark Wilson, Jefferson County Department of Health
Dr. Bernard H. Eichold II, Mobile County Health Department