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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNOR BENTLEY  
STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED PRIVATE SCHOOL RULES AND  
REGULATIONS

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Based on feedback regarding the State Department's [proposed revisions](#) to the current Rules and Regulations for Private Schools and Church Schools, currently posted for review and comment on the State Department of Education web site, I met this week with Governor Bentley in his role as President of the State Board of Education. We discussed concerns and feedback I had assimilated to date. Also, Governor Bentley shared with me his concerns that these regulations could place an undue burden on private schools and church schools. As a result of our discussion, we have decided it is best to place the regulatory revisions on hold. Further, we have concluded that not only do the regulations need revision, there is also a need for a thorough review of the current statute governing this matter.

We will conduct a review of the existing statute and make any needed recommendations for changes to the Alabama Legislature for consideration during the 2014 legislative session. In the meantime, current laws and regulations remain in place. Those laws and regulations can be referenced through the *Alabama Administrative Code*, Chapter 290-3-5, and the *Code of Alabama, 1975*, Title 16, Chapter 46.

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