May 2, 2011

The Honorable Robert Bentley, Governor
The Honorable Del Marsh, Senate Pro Tem
The Honorable Mike Hubbard, Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Governor Bentley, Pro Tem Marsh, and Speaker Hubbard:

The tornado damage of April 27, 2011, has created a catastrophic loss of schools in several school systems in Alabama (see attached list). My staff and I are working with each local school superintendent of education and assessing damages and insurance coverage.

A natural occurrence in situations such as these is for the state of Alabama through the Legislature to appropriate some funding to the affected schools through either a direct appropriation or a bond issue. While there are no direct appropriation funds available from the FY 2012 Education Budget, a bond issue may well be appropriate at a later date. Today it is simply impossible to determine the insurance reimbursement and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) appropriations in order to ascertain if additional state funding is needed and, if so, how much.

The good news, if there is any in this tragedy, is that all affected schools have insurance. Some, due to the age and condition of some buildings, is for Replacement Cost Value less Depreciation, while other coverage on newer and more up-to-date facilities is for Replacement Cost Value with no Depreciation deduction.

My staff and I are working daily with all affected areas to get students in school and to develop a plan of rebuilding and repairing all affected schools. There are countless schools not on the attached list that have roof damage and other related storm damages but are not categorized as catastrophic.

We stand ready to work with you to assure and follow through with all parties to restore buildings lost and/or damaged in last week’s storms to acceptable conditions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Morton
State Superintendent of Education

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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Jay Love, Chair, Ways and Means Education Committee
The Honorable Trip Pittman, Chair, Finance and Taxation Education Committee
Members, Alabama State Board of Education
### Preliminary Catastrophic School Damage Assessment

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This is simply a preliminary listing of schools that experienced significant damage due to the tornados. Numerous schools not listed have had some minor issues, but the ones on this list are the most critical. District staff are in the process of completing a closer assessment and we will apprise you of any updated information that we may later receive.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dr. Craig Pouncey, 334-242-9755 office or 334-868-9038 cell.

**Note 1** - All of the buildings except one have RCV, one has ACV.
**Note 2** - All of the buildings have RCV except two. These two have ACV.
**Note 3** - This school has an assortment of buildings that have either RCV, ACV, or SAL.
**Note 4** - Buildings have RCV.

**DEFINITIONS:**

RCV = Replacement Cost Value = The cost to repair or replace property with "Comparable Materials of Like Kind and Quality"

ACV = Actual Cost Value = The Replacement Cost Value "Less Depreciation"

SAL = Salvage Cost Value = The "Recovery Value" for buildings that are in overall poor condition