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RE: Licensed and Permitted Interpreters

Dear Dr. Mackey:

The Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Transliterators (the "Board") has received information that some of the school districts in the state continue to employ the services of unlicensed interpreters who are Deaf or hard of hearing. In past years, the Board approved exemption requests for individuals that did not have an avenue for obtaining their credentials and/or examination. However, Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) now offers education, training and assessment examinations that allow individuals to apply for and obtain licensure by the Board to interpret in an educational setting. This information is available on their website at <https://eipa.boystown.org/>.

It has also come to our attention that interpreting services are being provided via Video Remote Interpreting (VRI). Please note that all interpreting services provided by VRI to students in Alabama must be provided by interpreters who are licensed by the *Alabama* Licensure Board for Interpreters and Transliterators. Requirements for licensure can be found on our website at [www.albit.alabama.gov](http://www.albit.alabama.gov).

Please inform your departments that licensure by the Board is required to practice interpreting or transliterating services for remuneration in the State of Alabama and a violation of this requirement may result in conviction of a Class C misdemeanor. *See* Ala. Code § 34-16-13.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

cc: Andy Crowder, *Board Counsel*, Office of the Attorney General