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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 2020

To: State Finance Director

From: Bob Phillips, Executive Director, GuideSafe™ Testing

Re: Testing for Alabama and GuideSafe™ Program Progress Report as of November, 2020

The GuideSafe™ Testing program continued to provide “sentinel” testing services to students, faculty, and staff at higher education institutions around the state during November. Most campuses released students for the Thanksgiving holiday by November 20. Similarly, the majority of students will complete their fall semester coursework remotely. Since initial testing started in July, GuideSafe™ Testing has performed tests for over 100,000 individuals over the course of the school year.

As a result of our sentinel testing program, partner schools have been able to identify potential unseen spread of COVID-19 on their campus and institute additional mitigation steps. Lessons learned about student behavior and the spread of the virus will help as campus leaders evaluate and adopt potential additional safety strategies moving forward.

Our team continues to monitor the volume growth and prevalence of COVID-19 in the general population. We’ve appreciated the collaboration with our partners across state agencies and institutions of higher education, and enjoy regular dialogue with them.