

## **Dothan City Schools**

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In Alabama, about 55 percent of students are low-income. A pilot program being tested by the state in 10 school systems, including the Dothan City Schools, may help address some of the issues that may hinder low-income students' achievement.

Linda Felton-Smith, director of learning supports, said the Learning Supports for Alabama Students program will identify local resources school systems can use and set up a framework for helping them access these resources.

Felton-Smith said the program could help identify resources such as feeding programs and clothes closets that could provide resources for students. Poverty is not the sole focus of the program. Education officials intend it to help remove barriers to student performance.