



Educational Technology Monthly Call

September 14, 2023

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Agenda

- [Digital Learning Updates](#)
- [Cybersecurity](#)
- [Emergency Connectivity Fund, E-Rate, and ACP](#)
- [Important Reminders and Other Information](#)

Suggested participants
for this call:

- Chief Technology Officers
- Information Technology Staff
- E-Rate Coordinators
- Privacy Coordinators
- Digital or Virtual Learning Staff



Digital Learning Updates

LACUE Annual Conference Call for Proposals and Registration



The 2023 LACUE Annual Conference will be held November 28-30 in New Orleans.

The [call for proposals](#) is now open. Proposals to present must be submitted by September 22. Accepted proposals will be notified by October 13.

[Registration](#) is also open . Early bird pricing ends on October 27.

Cybersecurity Awareness and Digital Citizenship Resources

Cybersecurity Awareness Month and Digital Citizenship Week

The month of October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month and October 16-22. The Department is releasing a suite of resources to support teachers in students in this initiative. Resources will be available on the [Digital Learning](#) web page in the upcoming weeks.

Please contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

Technology Readiness (TRT) Data Request

- All school systems are asked to submit their [Technology Readiness Data](#) by November 15th.
 - Enter the device data and network data on one form.
 - Enter the device data for all schools in your school system on a separate row under School System Device Data. Add additional rows by clicking the “+Add Row” button.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with any questions.



Cybersecurity

Security Contacts



Based on recent events it is even more important that we at the State have the correct information for all security contacts at all school systems. This includes:

- Name
- Title
- Work Phone
- Work Email
- Cell Phone Number

Please update your LEA's contact information [here](#) if you have not already done so.

Cyber Insurance for K-12 Webinar

MS-ISAC is hosting a webinar series: Navigating Cyber Insurance for K-12

Part 1: A Comprehensive Starting Guide - Monday, September 18th from 1PM to 2PM

This session will cover the benefits of cyber insurance, different policy types, an overview of policy triggers, and how to successfully apply for coverage.

Part 2: Achieving Optimal Coverage & Lower Premiums - Monday, October 16th from 1PM - 2PM

Presentation will cover how to secure the best price, distinguish between essential and optional security controls. Provide overview of essential cybersecurity requirements, including multi-factor authentication (MFA), endpoint detection and response (EDR), data handling and privacy protocols.

Register:

<https://cisevents.webex.com/webappng/sites/cisevents/webinar/webinarSeries/register/34dbf98a1e7d4370ae31588f63e64e56>

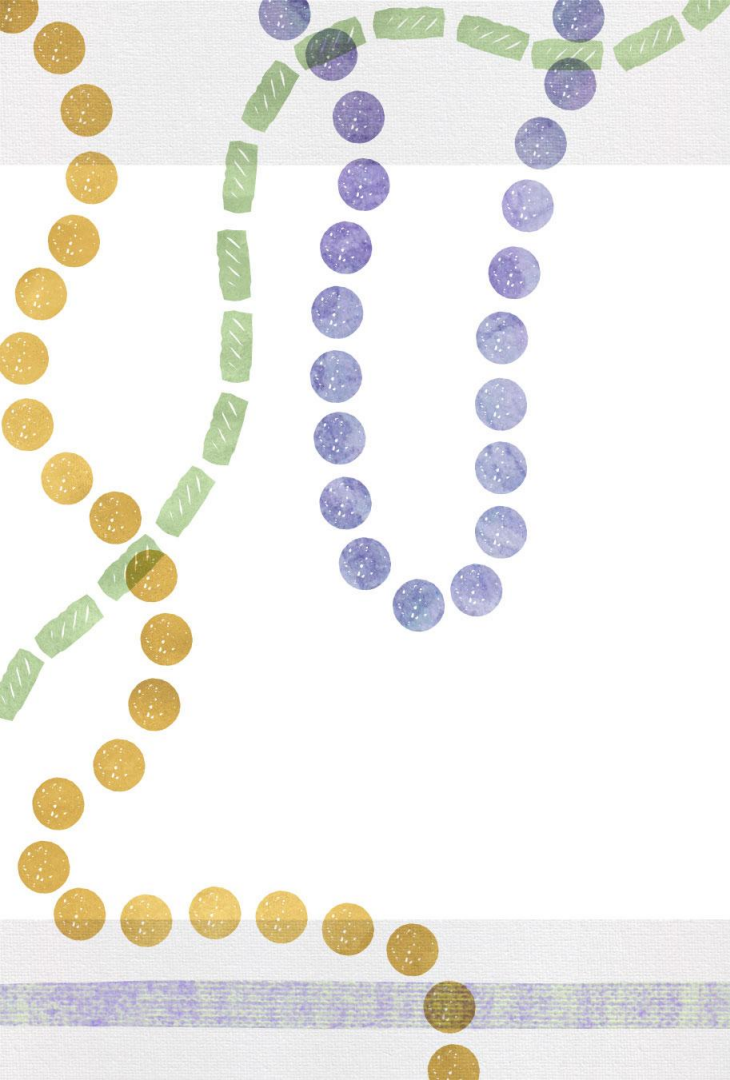
Cyber Advisories

CIS Advisories:

The advisories below are currently being exploited in the wild. Please apply appropriate updates provided by the software and/or system vendor.

- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-106: [A Vulnerability in Mozilla Products Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-104: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Google Chrome Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-105: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Adobe Products Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-101: [A Vulnerability in Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance \(ASA\) Software and Cisco Firepower Threat Defense \(FTD\) Software Could Allow for Unauthorized Access](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2023-100: [UPDATED – Multiple Vulnerabilities in Apple Products Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)

A complete list of all Advisories available [here](#).



E-Rate and Emergency Connectivity Fund

Senate Approves Anna Gomez as Fifth FCC Commissioner

On Sept. 7, the U.S. Senate officially confirmed the appointment of Anna Gomez as the fifth FCC Commissioner to a position that has been open for two years. Ms. Gomez is a telecommunications attorney who had previously worked at the FCC, had served in private practice, and is currently a communication policy advisor at the U.S. State Department.

ECF for 2021-2023 Window 3 Applicants

USAC has processed \$550 million in post-commitment funding reductions. This reduction should permit funding of all remaining Window 3 applicants, regardless of discount rate. It will also permit the FCC to approve waivers for certain late-filed ECF applications

E-Rate Systems Consolidation Transition Dates

USAC is consolidating its E-Rate SL Legacy systems into the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC). All E-Rate invoicing related forms – the FCC Forms 472 (Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR)), 473 (Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC)), and 474 (Service Provider Invoice (SPI) and (eSPI)) – will be moved into EPC as part of this consolidation effort. System cutover from the SL Legacy systems into EPC is expected to occur between October 30, 2023 and November 7, 2023.

Access to EPC will be unavailable for all users between October 30, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. and November 7, 2023.

Be sure to request an invoice deadline extension if you believe you will not meet the deadline, or if your current invoice filing deadline date is between October 30, 2023 and November 7, 2023.

E-Rate Systems Consolidation Transition Dates

- The last day you can submit an invoice in the SL Legacy systems is October 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. CST.
- Invoices for Funding Year (FY) 2016 and later that are submitted in SL Legacy systems before October 30, 2023, and not paid by the cutover date will be migrated into EPC by USAC.
- Invoices for FY2015 and earlier submitted in SL Legacy systems before October 30, 2023, will continue to be processed in the SL Legacy systems.
- You must submit FY2016 and later invoices in EPC beginning on November 7, 2023.
- For FY2015 and earlier, users will need to create a customer service case in EPC and attach a fillable FCC Form 472 or 474 to process a new request for reimbursement for FY2015 and earlier funding years. USAC will provide the links to the forms and instructions on its website in the coming weeks.
- After the E-Rate systems consolidation is completed, the first disbursements from EPC-processed requests for reimbursement are expected to be on November 9, 2023.

E-Rate e-Learning Modules (eLMs)

To support the transition from SL Legacy systems to EPC, USAC is also rolling out e-Learning modules (eLMs) for applicants and service providers so they can learn how to submit E-Rate invoices (FCC Forms 472/BEAR and 474/SPI) using EPC when the system consolidation is complete. The eLMs will be available October 3, 2023 on the [E-Rate Videos page](#).

To support the eLMs and to answer questions applicants and service providers may have while learning about the new E-Rate invoicing process using EPC, USAC has also scheduled upcoming Office Hours sessions. Visit the [Webinars](#) page to register for one of the sessions below.

- Applicant Session 1 - Oct. 11, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST
- Applicant Session 2 - Oct. 18, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST
- Applicant Session 3 - Oct. 25, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST
- Applicant Session 4 - Nov. 8, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST
- Applicant Session 5 - Nov. 15, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST

E-Rate Systems Consolidation Webinars

E-Rate Systems Consolidation: Kick-off - Tues., Sept. 26, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. CST

Learn about USAC's consolidation of E-Rate Invoicing capabilities from SL Legacy systems into the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) and how invoicing will be performed in EPC after the consolidation.

[Click here to register.](#)

E-Rate Systems Consolidation Training Overview - Wed., Oct. 4, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. CST

Learn about the different ways USAC is supporting the move from SL Legacy systems to EPC with live training sessions, self-paced learning modules, "office hour" question and answer sessions, videos, and website content. [Click here to register.](#)

E-Rate Upcoming Deadlines

- **September 25** - Due date for comments on the FCC's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking portion of ([FCC 23-56](#)) regarding additional rule changes to simplify E-rate. Reply comments are due October 23rd.
- **September 25** - Due date for comments on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ([FCC 23-65](#)) on cybersecurity labeling for internet devices.
- **October 2** - Last day to receive service or to submit a Service Delivery Deadline request for FY 2022 non-recurring services. *(Note: September 30th, the normal Service Delivery Deadline, falls on a Saturday this year.)*
- **October 24** - Nominations are due for six positions, including one school representative, on the USAC Board of Directors ([see DA 23-753](#)).
- **October 30** - E-rate invoice deadline for FY 2022 recurring services. *(Note: October 28th, the normal invoice deadline, falls on a Saturday this year.)*

E-Rate Upcoming Deadlines

- **October 30** - ECF invoice deadline for most Window 1 and Window 2 committed FRNs with service delivery deadlines of June 30, 2023. For details on other upcoming invoice deadlines, see USAC's Emergency Connectivity Fund Invoice Deadline Tool.
- **October 30** - The first Form 486 deadline for FY 2023, for FCDLs issued on or before July 1st (i.e., Waves 1-9).

Reminders and Other Information



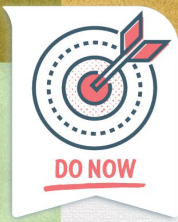
2022-2023 Education Technology Webinar and Office Hours

Slides from each meeting will be posted on the [Educational Technology Leaders](#) website. Recordings are available on request. A [complete calendar](#) of LDOE events can be found on the Louisiana Believes website.

Monthly Call Dates

August 10, 2023	February 8, 2024
September 14, 2023	March 14, 2024
October 12, 2023	April 11, 2024
November 9, 2023	May 9, 2024
December 14, 2023	June - LACUE
January 11, 2024	July - No meeting

Time:	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNIN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09
Phone Number	1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 575 223 228 Password: 2020-202!



Technology Contacts

- For cybersecurity and funding information, please update your contacts as soon as possible. We will be reaching out individually to school systems that have not confirmed.
- Submit [this](#) form to update contact information.

Contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.



Thank you for joining today's call.

Schedules, access links, and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [LDOE School System Support Calendar](#).

Helpful Links

- [A+PEL PD for Educators](#)
- [LACUE](#)
- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

Support Toolboxes

- [Teacher](#)
- [System](#)
- [Principal](#)
- [Counselor](#)
- [Education Technology Staff](#)





Reminders



BESE Tuition Program for Teachers

The [BESE Tuition Program for Teachers](#) provides tuition funding for selected classroom teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana. Online applications for coursework funding for the spring and summer of 2024 semesters will open September 4. Program details, as well as a link to the application, can be found on the [Continuing Opportunities for Educators page](#).

For questions about the BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or contact believeandprepare@la.gov.

EdTech Adoption and Evaluation

- The U.S. Office of Educational Technology has released its EdTech Evidence Toolkit Resource, which includes four Evidence One-Pagers
 - [Office of Educational Technology: Using Evidence to Support EdTech adoption in schools](#)
- In addition, EdSurge has provided information on [evaluating edtech effectiveness](#)
- In this 2023-2024 school year, the department will continue to provide support to school systems looking to evaluate their edtech adoption strategy.

Contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

New AI Information Being Released

In May, The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Education Technology released a publications on [Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning](#) and [AI and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Engaging Educators](#)

- The new policy report stresses the essential role of knowledge dissemination, educator engagement, and the enhancement of technological strategies and policies for the incorporation of AI in education.
- It portrays AI as a swiftly evolving suite of technologies adept at identifying data patterns and executing automated tasks.
- Furthermore, it assists educators in discerning the potential of these up-and-coming technologies in promoting educational objectives, while also assessing and mitigating prominent risks.

This will not be a policy guide on if schools should include or ban AI but information to assist school systems on understanding the AI landscape to inform future policies.