#### **Zoom Meeting Preparation**



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# **System Leaders Call**



#### New Federal Title IX Rule Update

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) released new Title IX rules expanding the interpretation of discrimination on the basis of sex to include gender identity.

- Louisiana has filed a lawsuit against ED's new Title IX rules.
- The LDOE advises school systems to not alter their policies or procedures.
- We will continue to keep school systems informed of developments.



#### Louisiana Students of the Year Celebration

#### 2024 Louisiana Students of the Year Virtual Celebration

- May 8 at 6 p.m.
- Access link
- LDOE watch party at the Claiborne Building Thomas Jefferson Room
  - 1201 North Third Street | Baton Rouge

#### Finalist and overall winner recognition

- August 20 reception
- August 21 BESE meeting recognition



## Agenda

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# Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Ken Bradford, Chief of Staff



## **ESSER III Amended Liquidation Protocols**

To afford LEAs the fullest range of flexibility in drawing down the ESSER III funding, LDOE has implemented amended liquidation protocols given the recent flexibilities provided by ED.

Amended protocols apply to ESSER III funding only and allow additional time to liquidate:

- Goods
- Services
- Construction projects

Contracts must still be in place and purchase order requisitions must be submitted by September 30, 2024. LEAs will have until December 16, 2024 to receive goods and complete services and construction projects.

#### Approval, Funding, Implementation Confirmation

The Approval, Funding, and Implementation Confirmation letter was emailed to school systems on April 16 and provides:

- Results of LDOE's review of the proposed CIR/UIR strategy and requests for competitive funds
- Eligible expenditures for any awarded funds
- Recommended steps for the implementation of an approved CIR/UIR strategy

School System Planning Key Dates	
Action Timeline	
Allocations loaded in Super App	May 1
Super App grant period begins	July 1

#### Summer EBT

In summer 2024, Louisiana will launch Summer EBT, a new grocery benefits program that provides families \$120 for each eligible school-aged child to buy groceries when school is out. Most families will get these benefits automatically, but some parents will need to apply. The new program is in addition to free meals that kids of all ages can get at summer meal sites in their communities.

A brief overview of the program is available for distribution at this time. Additional information will be shared on the monthly Federal Nutrition Support (FNS) call on Tuesday, May 7 at 1 p.m. and through the weekly newsletter.

Please note: Data managers will have a similar role in Summer EBT as during Pandemic EBT. Please encourage them to attend next week's FNS monthly call.



## **GAPA & Operations Monthly Calls**

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Federal Support and Grantee Relations	May 7 at 1 p.m.
Nutrition Support	May 16 at 10 a.m.

# **Teaching and Learning**

Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent



#### **EDL 1 Alternate Pathway 4**

Eligibility for the EDL1 via Alternate Pathway 4 requires the following:

- Completion of the educational leader training coordinated by LDOE
- Awarded a Master of Public Administration, Master of Business Administration, Juris Doctorate, or honorably discharged commissioned officer of the United States military with a pay grade of O3 or higher
- Successful completion of the BESE-approved <u>School Leaders Licensure</u> <u>Assessment (SLLA)</u>
- Upon employment as a school leader, must be paired with an experienced school leader mentor. The school Instructional Leadership Team must include a member who holds a graduate degree in education.

## **Numeracy Professional Learning Planning**

To prepare for the release of the required Act 260 course and the optional courses for grades K-3 and high school, system leaders should:

- Complete the Numeracy Training Contact Form
- Plan structures and time with 2024-2025 school calendars for teachers to complete the required 50 hours of training
- Ensure appropriate <u>Canopy permissions</u> are provided by the school system's security coordinator
- Attend Act 260 sessions at Teacher Leader Summit.



#### Kindergarten Dyslexia Screener

#### **Status of Screenings:**

- Act 266 (2023) requires all kindergartners to be screened by the end of the school year and parents notified of at-risk scores.
- All special education directors should have received access to Review360.
- A paper version of the screener has been provided as an option in lieu of the online platform.

#### **Deadlines:**

- Screening can occur throughout May.
- Immediate Action Step for Superintendents Data Sharing Agreement Opt-In Addendum submit through JotForm or email to LDEdata@la.gov

#### Resources:

- Step by Step Instructions
- Act 266 FAQ
- Teacher Training Video



#### **Amira Learning**

Amira Learning will be available to school systems that participated in the 2023-2024 English Learner Pilot. Amira will remain accessible to these participating systems for the 2024-2025 academic year.

- Participating systems will receive an email to determine the number of student licenses needed and software usage details on May 6.
- School systems that request additional student licenses will receive them on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Interested school systems not part of the English Learner Pilot, should contact <u>digitallearning@la.gov</u>.

#### **LEADS Update**

The Louisiana Educator Rubric and Louisiana Leader Rubric are now available for systems to begin reviewing prior to the Learning Year. LDOE would like to thank the following systems for participating in the evaluation pilot and providing feedback used to inform processes, policy, and training.

Algiers Charter **Ascension Parish Assumption Parish** Bogalusa City Schools

Caddo Parish

Calcasieu Parish

Claiborne Parish

East Feliciana Parish

Geo Academies

Jefferson Parish

Morris Jeff Community School

Northeast Claiborne Charter

Pointe Coupee Parish

Webster Parish

West Feliciana

Young Audiences



## **SSI/System Leader Regional Collaborations**

In 2024-2025, the Department will again host <u>School Support Institutes</u> with a continued focus on strengthening the HQPL structures of ILT, Teacher Collaboration, and Observation and Feedback. There will be three in-person half-day sessions and a final full-day session at 2025 Teacher Leader Summit.

Following each SSI morning session, the Department will also host System Leader Regional Collaborations. These half-day afternoon sessions will allow system leaders to collaborate with the LDOE and other system leaders as they learn about system leadership best practices.



#### **SSI/System Leader Regional Collaborations**

2024-2025 registration will open on May 15.

Cohort Region	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Monroe	Sept 10	Oct 15	Jan 28
Shreveport	Sept 11	Oct 16	Jan 29
Lafayette	Sept 12	Oct 17	Jan 30
New Orleans	Sept 13	Oct 18	Jan 31
Baton Rouge	Sept 17	Oct 23	Feb 5

Session 4 "Level Up School Support Institutes" will be held at TLS 2025.



#### **Local Special Education Advisory Council Reports**

Annual collection of school systems' Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) report for the 2023-2024 school year is open. Please submit one website link to the approved report per school system by May 31.



#### **Family Summer Support Toolkit**

<u>Family Summer Support Toolkit</u> provides sample social media posts with a recommended timeline school systems can post to their social media accounts to engage families over the summer.

- The toolkit includes:
  - Math and literacy posts
  - Send home activities
  - Digital resources for families of students with disabilities and English Learners



## **Teaching and Learning Monthly Calls**

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Educational Technology Monthly Call	May 9 at 9 a.m
Certification Monthly Call	May 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	May 22 at 1 p.m.
Diverse Learners Office Hours	June 25 at 2 p.m.



# Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

**Thomas Lambert, Assistant Superintendent** 



#### 2023-2024 Interests and Opportunities

- Louisiana Data Review (LDR) opened April 29 and will close June 7.
- Accountability contacts will use LDR to submit I&O documentation for the 2024 school performance scores.
- LDR user guides and directions were sent on April 26.



#### Interests and Opportunities: Nonpublic Schools

- The I&O survey for calculating 2023-2024 Scholarship Cohort Index was open April 22 to May 20.
- Superintendent validations are due by May 24.
- Survey information was sent to principals on April 19.
- Please contact <u>accountability@la.gov</u> and <u>studentscholarships@la.gov</u> with questions.

#### 2024-2025 Interests and Opportunities

The 2024-2025 Interests and Opportunities menu and guidance will be published in mid-May 2024.



#### 2023-2024 Teacher Roster Verification for VAM

- March 18-May 3: CVR will be open for a view-only period. During this time, users can view and check roster data for accuracy, and issues are corrected by school systems in EdLink 360.
- May 6-May 24: CVR will be open for roster verification. This process allows teachers and principals the ability to verify and correct records in CVR for specific courses and students.



#### Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
EdLink 360 Tuesday Office Hours	May 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 11 a.m.
EdLink 360 Data Coordinator	May 9th at 1 p.m.
Assessment and Accountability	May 21 at 3:45 p.m.



## **Career and College Readiness**

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent



## **2024 School Safety Summit**

Registration is currently open for the 2024 Louisiana School Safety Summit.

**Date: July 10-11** 

Location: Virtual



#### **Bulletin 135 Update- Emergency Medications**

At its April meeting, BESE approved as a Notice of Intent a change that the requirement of an initial dose of emergency medications be administered by the student's parent/guardian outside the school jurisdiction with sufficient time for observation for adverse reactions.

The **proposed policy change** will read: Except in the case of emergency medications, the initial dose of a medication shall be administered by the student's parent/guardian outside the school jurisdiction with sufficient time for observation for adverse reactions.

#### **Immunization Exemption Forms**

Reminder to all administrators and school nurses:

As per R.S. 17: 170.4 any written communications with students' parent, legal guardians, and tutors concerning immunizations must include information on exemptions. LDOE has a Statement of Dissent from Immunizations for your use on the website.



#### **Bulletin Updates: Student Attendance**

In its March 2024 meeting, BESE approved updates to policy in *Bulletin 126 - Charter Schools* and *Bulletin 741 - Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators* regarding absences and attendance. The revisions provide clarity; opportunities for academic recovery; and the daily reporting of attendance data.

#### Summary of updates:

- Refines the types of absences to excused, unexcused, and suspension/expulsion
- Provides for the implementation of daily student attendance reporting
- provides for reporting on truancy.

In addition, the revisions include kindergarten deferred enrollment and compliance with compulsory school attendance in accordance with R.S. 17:151.3.

## **Bullying: Failure to Act Reporting**

Bulletin 741 §1303. includes a provision stating that any teacher, counselor, bus operator, administrator, or other school employee, whether full-time or part-time, who witnesses bullying or receives a report of bullying from an alleged victim, and who fails to report the incident to a school official, shall be investigated by the school governing authority.

Further, any school administrator or official who fails to any of the following shall be investigated by the school governing authority:

- notify a parent or legal guardian of a report of bullying;
- investigate a report of bullying in a timely manner;
- take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action against a student that was determined to have engaged in bullying; or
- report criminal conduct to the appropriate law enforcement official.

Each school system, charter school, or non-public should report the number of employees suspended for failure to comply with bullying reporting. Please complete Failure to Act Reporting form by June 5.



#### **FAFSA Policy Update**

As a reminder, at its March 2024 meeting, BESE approved updates to the Notice of Intent regarding Bulletin 741 Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators - §901 and §2347, focusing on policy surrounding FAFSA for 2024-2025 cohort graduates.

- School Systems must ensure that each student receives adequate support in completing and submitting an application for financial aid.
- An updated parent and student financial aid planning toolkit will be made available to school systems.

#### **FAFSA Resources**

For current graduates filling out the FAFSA, there are some valuable resources available now.

- FAFSA Data Frequently Asked Questions
- **FAFSA Steps**
- Financial Aid Terminology
- <u>Financial Aid Verification Process</u>



## **Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls**

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Child Welfare and Attendance	June 6 at 8 a.m.
Alternative Education Community of Practice	Call will resume in August
Office of Career and College Readiness	Call will resume in July
Safe and Health Schools Monthly Call	Call will resume in July

# **School Choice**

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent



#### 2023-2024 Charter Application Process Update

- May 10: LDOE will notify relevant local system leaders and legislators of any Type 2 charter applications that have been submitted within their districts.
- **Charter Authorization Contact**: Megan Thompson (megan.thompson2@la.gov)



## **School Choice Monthly Calls**

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Local Authorizer	May 8 at 11 a.m.
BESE-Authorized Charter	May 9 at 9 a.m.



# **School System Relations**

Trey Folse, Assistant Superintendent



#### **Exemplary Educators Announced**

- Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program
  - Early-to mid-career teachers, teaching specialists, assistant principals and principals
  - Strong, long-range potential for professional and policy leadership
- 2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educators



# **Early Childhood Care and Education**

Mellynn Baker, Assistant Superintendent



#### **Early Childhood Care and Education**

- Early Childhood Spring 2024 CLASS® observations must be entered into the <u>EC</u> <u>CLASS® Portal</u> by May 15.
- <u>Annual Teacher Surveys</u> have been shared with all birth through four-year-old teachers, including pre-K teachers. Please encourage teachers to complete the survey by May 15.
- Preliminary 2024-2025 LA 4 allocations were presented for pre-approval during the April BESE meetings, and notification of seats were sent to systems. Please note that final amounts are subject to legislative appropriations.
- School systems can support a smooth transition into Kindergarten, for children and their families, by utilizing this <u>guidance</u>.

## **Early Childhood Monthly Calls**

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Office Hours	May 7 at 3 p.m.
	May 21 at 3 p.m.



# **Questions**



#### Thank you for joining today's call!

Have a great summer. See you in August.

Schedules, access links, and information on webinars can be found in the LDOE Weekly Newsletter and the School System Support Calendar.

#### Helpful Links

- Louisiana Believes Homepage
- School Improvement Library

#### **Support Toolboxes**

- Teacher
- System
- Principal
- Counselor

