

System Leaders Monthly Call



October 4, 2024

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, the LDOE has implemented amended liquidation protocols given flexibilities provided by ED.

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

- Goods
- Services
- Construction projects

LEAs have until December 16, 2024, to receive goods and complete services and construction projects **for contracts that were in place by September 30.**

Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.



Super App Process

Original Application Planning

Launches in October 2024

LEA planning

LEAs will use the [2025-2026 Strategic Planning and Budgeting Workbook](#) to plan and strategize funding requests based on each CIR/UIR-A site's needs and priorities.

Original Application

Launches in October 2024
Deadline to submit: 1/23/25

Approval of CIR/UIR-A Strategy

The LDOE will review responses to designated questions within the Super App to approve the LEA's CIR and UIR strategies and grant **competitive funds**. *Please note: Only school systems with CIR/UIR-A sites (with the exception of Strong School Systems and Computer Science) will be considered for competitive funds to meet the [federal requirement for each school system's ESSA plan](#) (20 USC §6312).*

Amendment 1

Opens late April
Deadline to meet substantial approval as of 6/30/25

Approval of Super App

The LDOE will review the LEA's initial budgets for **formula** and **competitive funds** to ensure that each expenditure is allowable under the specific grant.

Subsequent Amendments

eGMS Approvals

The LDOE will review the LEA's subsequent budgets for **formula** and **competitive funds** to ensure that each expenditure is allowable under the specific grant.

Please contact LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.
Include "School System Planning" in the subject



Super App Communication Support Structures

Resource	Item
Weekly Newsletter	LDOE Weekly Newsletters
System Leaders Monthly Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● November 1 at 9 a.m.● December 6 at 9 a.m.● January 10 at 9 a.m.
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● November 21 at 10 a.m.● December 19 at 10 a.m.● January 16 at 10 a.m.

Super App Communication Support Structures

Resource	Item
2025-2026 Super App In-Person Launch Session at LASAFAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● October 17
2025-2026 Super App Virtual Launch Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● October 22 at 10 a.m.
2025-2026 Super App Office Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● November 13 at 10 a.m.● December 18 at 10 a.m.● January 15 at 10 a.m.
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● LDOEOperations@la.gov● “Super App” in subject line

School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
October 17	2025-2026 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook released
December 31	Final 2024-2025 ESSA formula funds loaded in Super App
January 23	2025-2026 Super App (competitive portion) due
Feb.-March	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets
Feb.-May	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval
May 1	Allocations for 2025-2026 loaded in Super App
May 2	Deadline to submit CSI/TSI plan in eGMS
June 30	Deadline to submit 2025-2026 Super App Amendment 1
July 1	2025-2026 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2025-2026 School System Plan

GAPA & Operations Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call	October 10 at 10 a.m.
Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call	December 3 at 1 p.m.

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Teaching and Learning

Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent



Technology Readiness Data Request

- In accordance with Revised Statutes, [Statewide Educational Technology Plan](#), school systems should submit required technology information.
- The Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) helps LDOE collect information about technology infrastructure across districts and schools. TRT data will be used for the school system's digital footprint, which will be published on the LDOE website and will support future technology planning.
- Please see the [2024 TRT Collection Instructions](#) for a step-by-step submission guide and resources.
- Data should be submitted to [2024 TRT Collection Form](#) by **November 1**.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.



Canvas LMS Pilot Program for K-12 Public Schools

The goal of the [Canvas LMS Pilot](#) is to support Louisiana's Academic Plan to enhance K-12 educational outcomes by preparing students for a seamless transition to higher education where Canvas is used.

- Twenty-five districts and charters will be selected to participate.
- Access to Canvas LMS for K-12 students and educators, training, implementation, and support are included at no cost to school systems.
- The [application](#) will close **October 9**.
- Selected school system and charter schools will be announced by **November 1**.
- Student access will begin **January 1, 2025** and end **June 30, 2026**.

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.

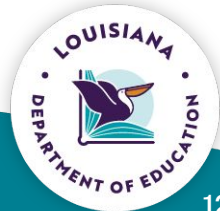


Computer Science Standards Webinars

School system leaders should attend one of the upcoming [K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science Overview Webinars](#).

Webinar Date and Time	Webinar Registration Link
October 23 at 9 a.m.	Registration link
October 24 at 1 p.m.	Registration link
November 13 at 9 a.m.	Registration link
November 14 at 1 p.m.	Registration link

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



LEADS Updates

[LEADS Implementation On-Site Support Sessions](#) are being offered in four regions across the state. October sessions focus on categorization of evidence, calibration, and next steps.

- Registration is now open in [EventBrite](#).

Evaluators must pass the certification assessment, located in the LDOE Professional Learning Platform, prior to conducting LEADS evaluations.

- Evaluators will receive an email with instructions for creating an account following LEADS Evaluator Training.
- Evaluators should login through [EdLink](#) to access the platform.

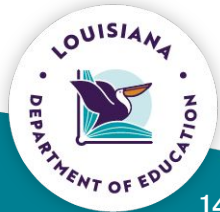
Contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.



Teacher Leader Summit 2025

We are excited to announce the location and dates of Teacher Leader Summit for 2025.

- **Location:** Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA
- **Dates:** June 10-12



Steve Carter Waitlist Update

Due to a high level of student interest, a waitlist has been implemented for the Steve Carter Tutoring Program.

- Families may still continue to register for services, but they will be placed on the waitlist and notified of their status. Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, and the LDOE will contact waitlisted families as soon as tutoring slots become available.
- This change will not affect families already enrolled in the program.
- Approved tutoring providers have received information about the waitlist. The LDOE will continue to accept new provider applications and they will be alerted when tutoring opportunities arise.

Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.



Accelerate: High Dosage Tutoring Updates

- Act 771 of the 2024 legislative session requires that systems report certain metrics of High Dosage Tutoring to the LDOE in June of 2025. It is important that all systems communicate that attendance for the ten week cycles must be kept at the school level to ensure accurate reporting.
- Plan reviews are underway and many systems have received approval and are in process to receive allocations in the next several weeks.
- On-site monitoring will begin in the next few weeks; more information about what to expect from on-site monitoring will be provided later this month.

Please contact tutoring@la.gov with questions.



SSI/System Leader Regional Collaborations

Cohort Region	Session 2	Location
Monroe	Oct 15	University of Louisiana Monroe, Bayou Pointe, 1 Warhawk Way
Shreveport	Oct 16	Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St.
Lafayette	Oct 17	University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Student Union, 620 McKinley St.
New Orleans/ Kenner	Oct 18	Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center, 4545 Williams Blvd.
Baton Rouge	Oct 23	Cook Hotel & Conference Center, 3838 W. Lakeshore Dr.

- School Support Institutes: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- System Leaders Regional Collaborations: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.



Teaching and Learning Monthly/Support Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Diverse Learner Office Hours	<u>October 22 at 2 p.m.</u>
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	<u>October 22 at 1 p.m.</u>
Preparation Provider Monthly Call	<u>October 30 at 10 a.m.</u>
Certification Monthly Call	<u>October 21 at 10:30 a.m.</u>
EdTech Monthly Call	<u>October 10 at 9 a.m.</u>
LEADS Implementation Monthly Call	<u>October 10 at 12 p.m.</u>
LEADS Implementation Monthly Call	<u>October 11 at 12 p.m.</u>

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Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

Thomas Lambert, Assistant Superintendent



Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	<u>October 22 at 3 p.m.</u>
eScholar Office Hours	<u>October 10 and 24 at 10 a.m.</u>
Data Coordinator Monthly Webinar	<u>November 7 at 1 p.m.</u>
EdLink Weekly Q&A Session	<u>October 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 11 a.m.</u>

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Career and College Readiness

Ken Bradford, Chief of Staff



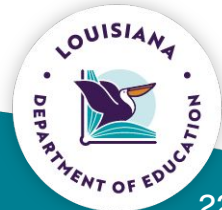
Fall 2024 Counselor Institute

Fall 2024 Counselor Institute session locations are listed below.

- Please share with your counseling colleagues and invite your CTE Supervisor to join in conversations regarding the new Accountability system implementation and the Counselor Evaluation Rubric.
- **Each participant must register individually through Eventbrite**, and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Maximum registration is based on location capacity.

Date	8-11 a.m.	1-4 p.m.
October 22	West Monroe, LA	Bossier City, LA
October 23	Leesville, LA	Lafayette, LA
October 24	Mandeville, LA	Luling, LA

Please contact angela.jordan@la.gov with questions.



Jump Start 2.0 Enhancements

The window to request enhancements for Jump Start 2.0 is open and will close on **October 31**.

- Jump Start enhancements are based on recommendations made by CTE supervisors and approved by the Jump Start 2.0 Review Committee and BESE.
- Requests can be submitted through the [Jump Start 2.0 Enhancement Request Form](#).

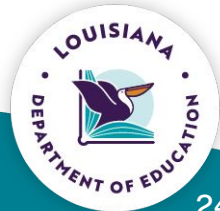
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Basic Bundles

The Louisiana Workforce Commission's Workforce Investment Council approved the first set of Basic Bundles to the state focus list. The initial set of basic bundles includes:

Bundle 1	Bundle 2	Bundle 3	Bundle 4	Bundle 5
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Forklift Operator (<i>with hands-on training</i>)2. NCCER Basic Rigger3. NCCER Signal Person4. NCCER Level 1 (<i>any craft area</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Certified Nurse Assistant2. Certified Phlebotomy Technician3. EKG Technician	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Emergency Medical Responder2. IFSAC FireFighter I	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fundamentals of JavaScript, Functional Programming and Web Development Level 12. PYTHON Certification	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. American Welding Society 3G and 3F (<i>plate or pipe</i>)2. American Welding Society 4G and 4F (<i>plate or pipe</i>)



Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Alternative Education	<u>October 10 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>October 17 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>October 24 at 2 p.m.</u>
Child Welfare and Attendance	<u>November 7 at 8 a.m.</u>

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School Choice

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent

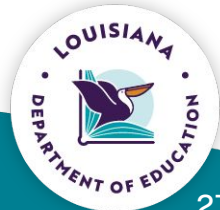


Key Dates for Local Authorizing

- September 9, 2024: Deadline to post application materials to website
- October 25, 2024: Charter applications are due to districts
- November 11, 2024: Local boards notify LDOE and state legislators of charter applications received within each district
- January 17, 2025: Deadline to consider charter applications
- January 31, 2025: Deadline to notify LDOE of local board recommendations

Note: If district hasn't made a decision by January 17, the applicant is eligible to appeal to BESE.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



Upcoming Site Visits

School	Visit Date
Sugar Cane Learning Academy	October 8 at 8 a.m.
Red Stick Academy	October 8 at 10:30 a.m.
LA Virtual Charter Academy	October 9 at 10 a.m.
University View Academy	October 9 at 1 p.m.
Impact Charter School	October 11 at 8 a.m.
Iberville Charter Academy; Geo Prep Mid-City; Dalton Charter School; Noble Minds Institute; International High School of New Orleans; International School of LA	Tentative

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



School Choice Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call	<u>October 10 at 9 a.m.</u>
Local Authorizer Monthly Call	<u>October 9 at 11 a.m.</u>

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School System Relations

Trey Folse, Assistant Superintendent



Awards Programs - Applications Open

- **Awards Programs**

- Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year
- School Health Service Provider of the Year
- School Physical Activity Award
- Teacher/Principal of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year
- Early Childhood Teacher/Leader of the Year

- **Materials**

- [Resources Library](#)
- [Awards Page](#)

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Education

Mellynn Baker, Assistant Superintendent



Early Childhood- Child Count

Child count is intended to count every publicly-funded child birth through age four in the state. Child count is a snapshot of actual enrollment as of October 1, 2024.

- Per *Bulletin 140* and Community Network Lead Agency (CNLA) assurances, child count must be submitted via the [Child Count Portal](#) by October 31, 2024.

Early Childhood Education Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Community Network Office Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">occurs the second Tuesday of each month	October 8 at 3 p.m. Meeting Link

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Questions



Thank you for joining today's call!

Our next System Leaders Monthly Call is Friday, November 1 at 9 a.m.

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](#)

