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News for Early Childhood Educators Special Edition

Dear Colleagues,

As I've shared with you many times before, the pandemic has placed us all in uncharted territory. Educators across our state are going the extra mile to continue serving children in challenging circumstances. As a result, Louisiana children continue to receive an education because our educators will accept nothing less.

The pandemic has also caused a number of shifts in education that extend beyond the classroom. In response, this year we are altering how we report performance data due to school and center closures in the spring. This morning, we released updated 2019-2020 Early Childhood Profiles for our early childhood sites. Sites with a higher 2019-2020 Performance Score were given the opportunity to opt-in to receiving an updated Performance Profile based on 2019-2020 results. For all other sites, the Department is extending 2018-2019 Performance Scores and Ratings for an additional year. This allows us to show grace where needed and to ensure centers are not punished for circumstances beyond their control. The release of these Performance Profiles will allow early learning centers to continue to access much-needed School Readiness Tax Credits and CCAP bonus payments for the 2021 State Tax Year.

To view the 2019-2020 Performance Profile results, visit [the Louisiana School or Center Finder](#) or download an excel file with [the results](#).

The Department also released resources to help lead agencies and sites interpret profiles. Those resources include a site performance profile [key](#) and [guide](#), a network performance profile [key](#) and [guide](#), as well as [performance profile FAQs](#). Additionally, the Department hosted a 2019-2020 Performance Profile webinar for sites and lead agencies yesterday. A [recording](#) of that webinar and the corresponding [presentation slides](#) are also available. Thank you for continuing to make a positive impact in the lives of children during these unusual circumstances. We will get through this together.

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Upcoming Deadlines

- October 3 - [Louisiana Child Care Parent Poll](#) closes
- October 5- [Main Street Recovery for Child Care Survey](#) closes
- October 30 - last day to take the [Market Rate Survey](#)

Upcoming Events

- October 26 - Early Childhood Care and Education Commission Meeting

More Important Dates

- Please see the [LDOE School System Support Calendar](#).

LPIC Main Street Recovery for Child Care Survey

In partnership with the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children (LPIC), the Department is trying to estimate the number of child care providers that were able to access financial assistance from the Main Street Recovery Fund. Please take this two-minute survey to help us find this information by Monday, October 5 at 12 p.m. to assist us in our advocacy efforts on your behalf.

Survey link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5K7YKT>

Contact Us

- For questions regarding COVID-19, school closures, or other concerns, please contact LDOECOVID19@la.gov
- For questions regarding licensing, or child health and safety, please contact ldelicensing@la.gov.
- For questions regarding lead agencies, please contact leadagencysupport@la.gov.
- For all other questions regarding early childhood, please contact earlychildhood@la.gov.



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