



# LDOE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours	
Office Hours Title	Zoom Link
<a href="#">Career and College Readiness Office Hours</a>	<a href="#">January 6 at 3 p.m.</a>
P-EBT Data Managers Office Hours	<a href="#">January 11 at 10 a.m.</a>
Early Childhood Lead Agencies Office Hours	<a href="#">January 11 at 3 p.m.</a>
<a href="#">Assessment and Accountability Office Hours</a>	<a href="#">January 11 at 3:45 p.m.</a>
Data Coordinator Office Hours	<a href="#">January 13 at 1 p.m.</a>
Monthly Calls*	
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Data Coordinator Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 6 at 1 p.m.</a>
System Leaders Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 7 at 9 a.m.</a>
New Teacher of Year applicant call	<a href="#">January 10 or 12 at 4 p.m.</a>
Charter Authorizers Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 12 at 11 a.m.</a>
BESE Authorized Charter School Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 12 at 3 p.m.</a>
CLSD UIN Communities of Practice	<a href="#">January 14 at 11 a.m.</a>
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 18 at 3:45 p.m.</a>
Student Well-Being Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 19 at 9:30 a.m.</a>
Nonpublic Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 19 at 2 p.m.</a>
Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call**	<a href="#">January 20 at 10 a.m.</a>
Career and College Readiness Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 20 at 3 p.m.</a>
Legislative and Policy Support Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 24 at 10 a.m.</a>
Teaching and Learning Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 26 at 1 p.m.</a>

Education Technology Monthly Call	<a href="#">January 27 at 9 a.m.</a>
Nutrition Support Monthly Call	<a href="#">February 1 at 1 p.m.</a>
<p><i>*Monthly call presentations are available in the <a href="#">School Improvement Library</a>. View the <a href="#">School System Support Calendar</a> to access a complete schedule of events.</i></p> <p><i>**Achieve! Incentive Round 2 and Super App application office hours and Q&amp;A will take place during this call.</i></p>	
<b>Upcoming Deadlines</b>	
Leader Evaluation Score Upload window in CIS closes	January 7
<a href="#">Vacancy Survey Due</a>	January 7
<a href="#">New Teacher of the Year Application Due</a>	<a href="#">February 18</a>

## Operations

### Federal Support and Grantee Relations

#### **Title I, Part A Excess Funds Waiver Application is Available in eGMS**

**Please share with District Federal Programs Directors, Business Managers, and Financial Officials.**

Upon submission of the 9/30 Periodic Expense Report your school system may have received notification that it exceeded the 15% Title I, Part A carryover limitation, it can request a waiver via the [Electronic Grants Management System](#) (eGMS).

The Title I Waiver application is located with your FY 2022 applications in the Non Funded Section of the GMS Access Select page. The deadline to submit a Waiver Application is January 14.

As a reminder, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LDOE can grant waivers to school systems even if a waiver has been granted in the last three years.

Please contact [ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov) with questions and comment submissions.

## Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

### **2021-22 School District Boundary Review & Verification Survey**

**Please share with Data Coordinators, District Mapping Coordinators, and Federal Programs Coordinators.**

Annually, the Census Bureau requests review and update of school district boundaries through the [School District Review Program](#) (SDRP). The updated school district boundary information submitted through this program, estimates of the number of children aged 5 through 17 in families in poverty for each school district. These estimates are the basis of the Title I allocation for school districts in each state. It is important that each school system review and verify boundaries due to the impact on Title I allocations.

Traditional public school systems are asked to complete the [School District Boundary Review and Verification Survey](#) and submit changes to LDOE by **January 14, 2022**. Charter schools or other state special schools are not required to verify school district boundaries.

Please contact [crystal.wilkinson@la.gov](mailto:crystal.wilkinson@la.gov) with questions regarding school district boundary verification.

## Career and College Readiness

### **Spring 2022 Counselor Institutes**

**Please share with middle and high school counselors.**

Each fall and spring, the Office of Career and College Readiness hosts regional Counselor Institutes, which are an opportunity for the Department to engage school counselors across the state. Our Spring Institutes are taking place on February 8-10th during National School Counseling Week.

	8-11 a.m.	1-4 p.m.
February 8	<a href="#">Ouachita Parish</a>	<a href="#">Bossier Parish</a>
February 9	<a href="#">Rapides Parish</a>	<a href="#">Lafayette Parish</a>
February 10	TBD	<a href="#">Livingston Parish</a>

Please contact [leslie.gilliland@la.gov](mailto:leslie.gilliland@la.gov) with questions.

### **Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) Call**

**Please share with CWA directors, supervisors, and attendance specialists.**

Child Welfare and Attendance directors, supervisors, attendance specialists, and all attendance stakeholders meet every first Wednesday of the month. The next monthly call will be Wednesday, January 12 at 8 a.m.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 8 - 9:30 a.m.

**Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/92924999619>

**Phone:** 312-626-6799

**ID:** 929 2499 9619

**Passcode:** 451491

Please contact [shelneka.adams@la.gov](mailto:shelneka.adams@la.gov) with questions.

## School System Relations

### **Teacher and Principal of the Year Informational Webinars**

State-level Teacher and Principal of the Year (TPOY) applications are due on **January 12, 2022**. All applications and materials may be found in the [resources library](#) on the [Awards page website](#).

To assist with the Teacher and Principal of the Year process office hours will be held January. On these calls, information will be shared about the timeline/process, as well as steps for using the online portals and there will be time for questions. See [here](#) for information regarding the times and dates of these informational calls.

Please contact [excellenteducators@la.gov](mailto:excellenteducators@la.gov) with questions

### **Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program**

The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes that great teachers and school leaders are critical to student success. Therefore, the Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program was created to acknowledge, honor, and spotlight exceptional teachers, teacher specialists, and school leaders who exemplify Louisiana's education profession. If selected as an Exemplary Educator, the educator will receive a certificate of recognition and may be invited to participate on advisory boards and task forces, as well as be considered for recognition programs. Your recommendations will identify educators who will be of great value to your community and state because of their expertise.

To learn more about this exciting new opportunity for educators and your school system, two informational Zoom sessions will be held. Please select the date/time that works best for you and save the call details to your calendar.

- [January 13 at 1 p.m.](#)
- [January 14 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

The Nomination Portal for the Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program will be open January 18, 2022-February 18, 2022.

Please contact [ExemplaryEducator@la.gov](mailto:ExemplaryEducator@la.gov) with questions.

## Teaching and Learning

### Educator Development

#### **Louisiana New Teacher of the Year**

This program will recognize the outstanding contributions of a *first year* teacher. Therefore, on the application deadline, *the new teacher must have less than one year of full time teaching experience.*

All school systems are encouraged to select up to three overall *New Teacher of the Year* finalists, one per division (elementary, middle and high), to send to the state-process. Once those district level winners are chosen, those candidates will submit their applications in an online application portal.

The Department will host two optional calls to support teachers as they prepare their state-level application and navigate the online application portal.

**Webinar Date and Time:** January 10 **or** January 12 at 4 p.m.

**Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93874533969?pwd=cmZ0Sm5OeGV3UTc1UjhqSjBSL0VyZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 938 7453 3969

**Passcode:** 240876

**Phone:** 1-312-626-6799

Please contact [laurie.carlton@la.gov](mailto:laurie.carlton@la.gov) with any questions.



## Reminders

- **Operations**
  - ***Communications***
  - ***Federal Support and Grantee Relations***
  - ***Nutrition Support***
- **Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics**
- **Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunities**

## Operations

### Communications

#### **Ochsner Anywhere Care Holiday Social Media**

**Please share with your school's Communications Team and Social Media Managers.**

While the holidays are the most wonderful time of the year, they can also be the most stressful. That's why LDOE would like to remind educators that there are resources available to help prioritize mental health this holiday season. LDOE has partnered with Ochsner Health to offer four free mental health virtual visits to all public school educators and staff through Ochsner Anywhere Care.

Please help LDOE spread the word about Virtual Therapy through Ochsner Anywhere Care via your school's social media platforms. To assist, Ochsner has provided customizable [Holiday Social Copy](#) along with accompanying images to post:

- [New Year Post 1](#)
- [New Year Post 2](#)
- [New Year Post 3](#)

Please contact [rachel.bunch@la.gov](mailto:rachel.bunch@la.gov) with questions.

### Federal Support and Grantee Relations

#### **2021-22 Super App Final Allocations**

**Please share with Superintendents, Federal Program Directors, and Curriculum Supervisors.**

Final allocations for formula funding (ESSA, IDEA, Carl Perkins) in the 2021-22 Super App will be loaded in eGMS on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. If your Super App application is in an "Approved" status, you will need to create an amendment to see the additional funding.

Please contact [ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov) with questions and comment submissions.

### Nutrition Support

#### **Louisiana to Participate in USDA Medicaid Demonstration Project**

**Please share with District Child Nutrition Program Directors, Federal Programs Directors, and Data Management Coordinators.**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service Southwest Region announced that Louisiana is one of eight states selected to participate in the expansion of a demonstration project to evaluate the impact of using Medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students for free and reduced-price school meals, beginning in school year 2022-2023. Technical assistance and support regarding this process will be provided to district child nutrition program staff. Please refer to Division of Nutrition Support [Memo SFS-22-52](#) for additional information.

Please contact [childnutritionprograms@la.gov](mailto:childnutritionprograms@la.gov) with questions.

## ***Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics***

### **Growth to Mastery Rosters**

**Please share with district test coordinators and accountability contacts.**

- High school growth to mastery student rosters are now available on the ftp. Grade 3-8 growth to mastery rosters that were provided in summer have been updated with new site codes for applicable students.

### **LEAP 2025**

**Please share with district test coordinators.**

- Due Now: Window B testing schedules
- December 22: Window B test setup opens
- January 5: Window B LEAP 2025 high school test administration begins

### **ELPT**

**Please share with district test coordinators.**

- January 5: Exemption requests for listening and speaking domains due
- By January 15: Student data uploaded to TIDE
- New trajectory targets have been shared on the post data certification rosters that were posted to the ftp on Friday, December 31

### **Innovative Assessment Program**

**Please share with district test coordinators in school systems that participate in the Innovative Assessment Program.**

- The department will host the *Innovative Assessment Program Winter Administration* webinar on Monday, January 10 at 2:00 pm for district test coordinators in school systems that are participating in the Innovative Assessment Program grade 7 operational, field, or pilot assessments.
  - <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95612887528>
  - Meeting ID: 956 1288 7528
  - One tap mobile
  - +14703812552,,95612887528# US (Atlanta)
  - +13126266799,,95612887528# US (Chicago)
    - Dial by your location
    - 1 470 381 2552 US (Atlanta)
    - 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
    - 1 470 250 9358 US (Atlanta)
    - 1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

## ***Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity***

### **Student Well-Being Calls Resume and Contact Information Requested**

**Please share with District Leaders, Student Well-Being Leadership Team members, Counselors, and Social Workers.**

The Office of Student Well-Being is resuming the monthly call this January 19 at 9:30 a.m. With that in mind, Student Well-Being is requesting the contact information of the district's appointed Well-Being Leadership personnel. Use the [SWB Leaders Contact Survey](#), to submit the name and contact information of who should be contacted concerning webinars and calls for the district's Student Well-Being work.

Please contact [rachel.bunch@la.gov](mailto:rachel.bunch@la.gov) with questions.

### **Coupon Code for Employee's Access to Ochsner Telehealth**

**Please share with District Leaders, Principals, Student Well-Being Leadership Team members, Counselors, and Social Workers.**

With the New Year, it's the perfect time to remind employees of the free telehealth services available to all personnel working in birth to 12th grade education. Marketing messages direct educators to contact their local districts to receive the Coupon Code allowing them to book with the service provider of their choice for free. This code is TEACH. LDOE has distributed [flyers](#) and [FAQs](#) that you can share with your employees to encourage participation in this important healthcare service.

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