

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: June 4, 2024

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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to the 7,000 teachers, school leaders, and system leaders who made last week's Teacher Leader Summit the best and biggest yet. The record-breaking attendance says a lot about the excitement around education in our state. On the heels of the school year ending, thousands of educators dedicated the first days of their summer break to getting better at their craft for students.

Louisiana education is poised to accelerate thanks in large part to the dedication of teachers. As we close one school year and begin to plan for the next, I just want to say thank you!

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call: [June 6 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Data Coordinator Office Hours: [June 6 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Human Capital Webinar Series: [June 11 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [June 11 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [June 12 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charters Monthly Call: [June 13 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [June 17 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call: [June 19 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [June 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Office Hours: [June 25 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [June 26 at 10 a.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [June 26 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [July 2 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [Kami for Teacher Leaders](#): June 6 at 9 a.m.
- [Getting Started: Kami with your LMS](#): June 6 at 1 p.m.
- [Carl Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment \(CLNA\) Webinar](#): June 10
- Summer Transfer Window Opens for LSP/SCP Schools: June 10
- [Kami for Elementary Math and Science](#): June 11 at 9 a.m.

- [School Support Institutes 2024 - 2025](#) Registration Ends: June 21
- [Homeless Liaison of the Year](#) Nomination Deadline: June 24
- Deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds: June 30
- Summer EBT Application Portal Opens: July 1
- [2024 Louisiana School Safety Summit](#): July 10-11, **virtual event**
- [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#) Registration Ends: July 12
- Deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs: July 15

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Consolidated Monitoring Schedule for 2023-2024 SY (4th Quarter Only)

Please share with career and technical education supervisors, federal program directors, special education supervisors, and superintendents.

The LDOE monitors school systems annually to ensure federal and state requirements compliance. To assist school systems in thoughtful planning and preparation for a scheduled monitoring event, the LDOE is releasing the [fourth quarter monitoring schedule](#). This schedule is tentative and the LDOE reserves the right to make adjustments as necessary.

The assigned statewide monitoring team leader will send a more detailed monitoring notification reminder, along with any necessary planning documents or instructions, directly to superintendents, federal program and career and technical education supervisors of each school system appearing on the monitoring schedule.

School systems severely impacted by a disaster and currently listed on the schedule are asked to contact LDOE-program.monitoring@la.gov.

Please contact LDOE-program.monitoring@la.gov with questions.

Homeless Liaison of the Year Nominations

Please share with federal program directors.

The LDOE is now accepting nominations for the 2024 Homeless Liaison of the Year. Nominees must be a homeless liaison in a school system and have a minimum of three years of experience working as a homeless liaison.

Please review the [Louisiana McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison of the Year Award Guidelines](#) for additional details. All nomination packets should be submitted to antiqua.hunter@la.gov. Nominations close June 24.

Please contact laverne.dunn@la.gov with questions.

Summer EBT Resources

Please share with data managers, nutrition managers, and school leaders.

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has made resources available to help share information about Louisiana's participation in the SUN Bucks Summer EBT program.

- [SUN Bucks Outreach Partners Flyers](#)
- [SUN Bucks Family Flyer](#)
- [SUN Bucks School Flyer](#)
- [SUN Bucks FAQ for Schools](#)

Please contact ted.beasley@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

LEAP High School Summer Administration Important Dates

Please share with school test coordinators, system test coordinators, and school leaders.

- June 13-June 28: DRC INSIGHT Portal test setup available with pre-identified students; assign and enter TA numbers for test administrators
- June 13-June 25: Additional materials window
- June 24-28: Test administration window
- July 3: All invalidations completed in DRC portal and documentation sent to assessment@la.gov
- July 25: All high school summer test requests for rescore due to DRC

All initial scores from summer administration will be used in 2025 SPS.

Please contact assessments@la.gov with questions.

LEAP Assessment Guides for Social Studies and Civics

Please share with curriculum and testing coordinators, educators, and school leaders.

LEAP assessment guides for Social Studies and Civics are now live:

- [LEAP Assessment Guide for Social Studies Grades 3 and 4](#)
- [LEAP Assessment Guide for Social Studies Grades 5 through 8](#)
- [LEAP Assessment Guide for Civics](#)

Please contact assessments@la.gov with questions.

K-3 Literacy Additional Grade 3 Screening

Please share with school leaders, system leaders, and test coordinators.

All additional DIBELS screening during summer for grade 3 students will need to be completed on paper. There will be no additional screening available in mCLASS until it opens again on August 1 for 2024-2025 Beginning-of-Year (BOY) statewide screening.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions about the screening process, or Louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions regarding promotion or policy.

Career and College Readiness

K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Prevention Training

Please share with mental health professionals, school administrators, and school resource officers.

The Louisiana State Police, in partnership with the Louisiana Association of Principals, is providing statewide district and regional BTAM training. The purpose of these sessions is to provide BTAM training to school administrators/personnel, mental health professionals, school resource officers/law enforcement, and other stakeholders and partners that may support school and district BTAM teams. This is a two-day training event.

[Tangipahoa Parish Region](#)

- **Date:** June 13-14
- **Location:** Hammond Westside Upper School
2600 West Park Avenue, Hammond

Please contact michael.comeaux@la.gov with questions.

School Choice

Office of School Choice

Please share with BESE authorized charter school leaders.

The Office of School Choice is developing virtual training sessions for BESE-Authorized Charter School Leaders. Topics will include Technology Readiness for Testing, Data Management and more. This series will be designed for schools in pre-opening, newly hired staff in related positions or those wanting a refresher.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

School Improvement

School Support Institutes

Please share with school leaders and system leaders.

In 2024-2025, the LDOE will host [School Support Institutes](#) 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 in regional locations in Monroe, Shreveport, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans and a final full-day session at 2025 Teacher Leader Summit.

Registration for SSI is now open and should be completed by June 21. System leaders supporting CIR schools are welcome to attend with their school teams and should register using the link found in the overview document.

For session dates, venue locations, and the registration link, please see the [School Support Institutes Overview](#), which can also be found on the [school improvement landing page](#).

Please contact schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov with questions.

System Leader Regional Collaborations

Please share with school leaders and system leaders.

In conjunction with SSI, the LDOE will be hosting [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#). These will be interactive opportunities for system-level leaders to engage in high-quality professional learning experience.

Learning tracks will include:

- Developing student programming coherence
- Building leader capacity for principal supervisors
- Improving overall system level coherence

Sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the same dates and at the same venues as School Support Institutes.

Registration will open on June 4. For the registration link, session dates, and venue locations, please see the [System Leader Regional Collaborations Overview](#).

Please contact schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov with questions.