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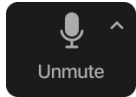
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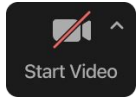
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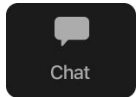
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Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Required Submissions and Reminders**
- **Required School Lunch Match**
- **State and Federal Grants Update**
- **Maintenance of Effort and Fiscal Monitoring**
- **MFP Update**
- **2024-2025 Retirement Contribution Rates**
- **Call Dates and Slide Deck Links**
- **Resources**



Required Submissions



Upcoming Required Submissions

- Periodic Expenditure Report
- FY 24 Fiscal Year End Deadlines

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Periodic Expenditure Reports (PERs)

- PERs are currently not being submitted by many school systems on or before deadline.
- Non-submission is a problem because PERs support education requirements for federal grants.
- Tools are being implemented to encourage school systems to comply with the due dates to include but not limited to reminder emails from eGMS.
 - PER Submission Deadlines are:
 - **3/31 due 4/15**
 - **6/30 due 7/15**
 - **9/30 due 11/15**
 - **12/31 due 1/15**
- Please arrange your work plans such that compliance with the required deadlines can be improved.

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FY 24 Fiscal Year End Deadlines

The deadlines noted below have been established by the Department to ensure all grants funding for FY 2023-24 is utilized. Failure to meet these deadlines risks funding availability for school systems and schools. The Department cannot guarantee the payment of late reimbursement claims and/or late claims might have to wait until the following fiscal year (June 2024) for funds to be available.

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for helping us be good stewards of these funds.

- June 19 8g claims due in eGMS
- July 5 Carl Perkins and LDH claims for June expenses are due in eGMS
- July 15 All other state and federal awards (excluding 8g, Carl Perkins, and LDH) ending June 30, 2024, are due in eGMS

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Required School Lunch Match



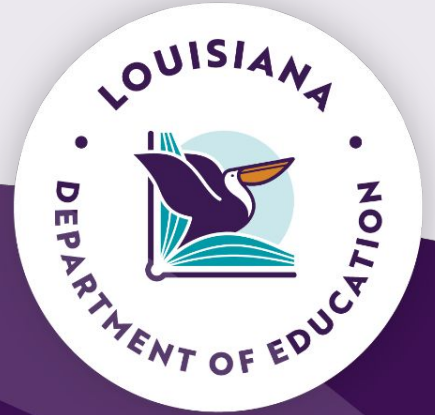
Required School Lunch Match

- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires an annual match of state funds for the school lunch program.
- The Louisiana Department of Education is provided a total state match amount by the USDA each year that must be divided into individual school system match amounts.
- A memorandum explaining the requirements and a FY 2024-25 schedule containing the required match amount for each school system will be available in the MFP Library under the USDA REQUIRED SCHOOL LUNCH MATCH section on May 1, 2024.

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State Grants



State Grants

❖ Computer Science Allocation

- The Computer Science Allocation provides funding for Grade 6-12 teachers to receive comprehensive training to prepare for the Computer Science Praxis Exam. For more details, refer to the Computer Science Allocation guidance document in the [Business Manager Support Library](#) under State Allocations.
- **These funds should be expended by June 30, 2024.**
- **Contact stem@la.gov regarding allowability of expenditures.**

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State Grants

❖ High School Science Allocation

- For more information regarding the High School Science Allocation, refer to the guidance document in the [Business Manager Support Library](#) under State Allocations.
- **These funds should be expended by June 30, 2024.**
- **Contact stem@la.gov regarding allowability of expenditures.**

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State Grants

❖ Non-public Textbooks and Textbooks Administration

- Allocations for non-public textbooks and textbooks administration were released through eGMS in October 2023. Districts should collaborate with non-public schools to ensure that textbook purchases and payments have been made for this school year.
- **These funds must be expended by June 30, 2024.**

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State Grants

- ❖ Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Funding
 - Allocations for AEDs administration were released through eGMS in January 2024. Districts should purchase AEDs from a state contract vendor. For more details, refer to the AED Guidance document in the [Business Manager Support Library](#) under State Allocations.
 - **These funds must be expended by June 30, 2024.**

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Federal Grants



Amended Liquidation Protocols



Amended Liquidation Protocols

- In an effort to afford LEAs the fullest range of flexibility in drawing down the ESSER III funding, LDOE is implementing amended liquidation protocols.
 - These amended protocols apply to the ESSER III funding (formula and incentive) only.
- The amended protocols will allow LEAs additional time to liquidate:
 - Goods
 - Services
 - Construction projects



Amended Liquidation Protocols

- **ESSER III Obligation Date: 9/30/2024**
 - Amendment liquidation does not change the obligation date of the funding.
- **Amended Liquidation Date: 12/16/2024**
 - LEAs now have until 12/16/2024 to receive goods and services
 - All reimbursement claims and PERs should be submitted on or before 12/16/2024.

Note: subscription costs - if subscription costs are obligated on or before 9/30/2024, and the invoice is paid on or before 12/16/2024, services may continue through the 2024-25 school year.



MFP Formula Update

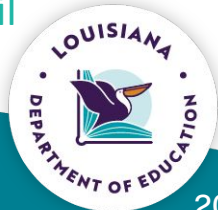


2024-25 MFP Formula Update

Proposed FY 2024-25 MFP Formula Additions/Revisions:

- **Employee Pay**
 - Allocation of \$25 million provided as a block grant to allow districts the flexibility to address market needs in 4 broad categories of uses.
- **Workforce Development**
 - Allocation of \$2 million to provide support for apprenticeships and internships.
- **Tutoring**
 - Allocation of \$30 million to provide a block grant for tutoring in literacy and/or math.
- **Operational Costs**
 - Allocation of \$14.3 million to provide an increase of \$22 in the per pupil allocation for operational expenses.

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2024-25 MFP Formula Update

Proposed FY 2024-25 MFP Formula Additions/Revisions:

- Status:
 - As of May 20, MFP formula pending introduction in House Education Committee

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2023-24 MFP Update

- ❖ International Associate Teacher's Stipends
 - Allocations for 2nd and 3rd year stipends will be issued by May 31, 2024.
 - The amounts by LEA will be included in the May 2024 Budget Letter.
 - For more details, refer to the document in the [MFP Library](#).

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2023-24 MFP Update

- ❖ Supplemental Course Allocation - Reallocation
 - The SCA Reallocation will be published in the May 2024 Budget Letter.
 - For more details, refer to the document in the [MFP Library](#).

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2024 - 2025 Retirement Contribution Rates



2024 - 2025 TRSL Contribution Rates

Historical TRSL Contribution Rates (FY 2024-25)

FISCAL YEAR	TRSL SUB-PLAN	EMPLOYEE NORMAL COST	EMPLOYER RATE				
			Normal Cost	Admin Expense Rate	AFC Rate*	Shared UAL	Total Employer Contribution
2024-25	K-12 Regular Plan	8.0%	3.73%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	21.51%
	Plan A	9.1%	3.73%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	21.51%
	Plan B	5.0%	3.73%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	21.51%
	Higher Ed Regular Plan	8.0%	3.10%	0.38%	1.50%	15.90%	20.88%

The employer contribution rate will decrease from 24.10% to 21.51%, a difference of 2.59%, for FY 2024 - 2025.



2024 - 2025 LSERS Contribution Rates

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the LSERS website. The URL in the address bar is lsers.net/2023/12/14/prsac-approved-employer-and-member-contribution-rates-for-fiscal-year-2024-25/. The website has a dark green header with navigation links: HOME, ABOUT LSERS, LEGISLATION, INVESTMENTS, RESOURCES, and CONTACT US. The main content area is light beige and contains the following text:

The Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC) approved the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS) June 30, 2023 valuation which included the employer contribution rate of 25.8% effective July 1, 2024.

The member contribution rates for FY2023-24 will remain at 7.5% for members hired before July 1, 2010 and 8.0% for new members with first state service on or after July 1, 2010. Click [here](#) for a copy of the signed memo to Superintendents, Directors, Business Managers, Human Resource Directors, and IT Directors of all LSERS Employing Agencies.

If you have any questions, please contact Chenfei Zhou, LSERS Assistant Director, at 225.925.6492 or via email at czhou@lsers.net.

The footer is dark green and contains the LSERS logo (Louisiana School Employees Retirement System), contact information (8660 United Plaza Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-7004; 225.925.6484; 1.800.256.3718), and an email subscription sign-up form with a "Subscribe" button.

The employer contribution rate will decrease from 27.6% to 25.8%, a difference of 1.8% for FY 2024 - 2025.

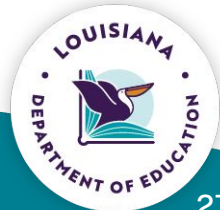


Reminders



- The June Business Manager Monthly Call has not been scheduled yet.
- Reminder with date and link will be posted in LDOE Weekly Newsletter
- The slide decks for the monthly call can be found in the [Business Manager Support Library](#) on the website.

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Resources

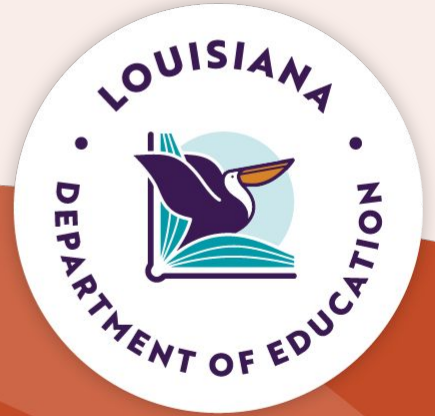
Resource Index

- **Weekly Newsletters**
- **New Business Manager Survey**
- **edfin FTP Secure Site**
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- **MFP - Related Data Collection**
- **70% Expenditure Requirement**

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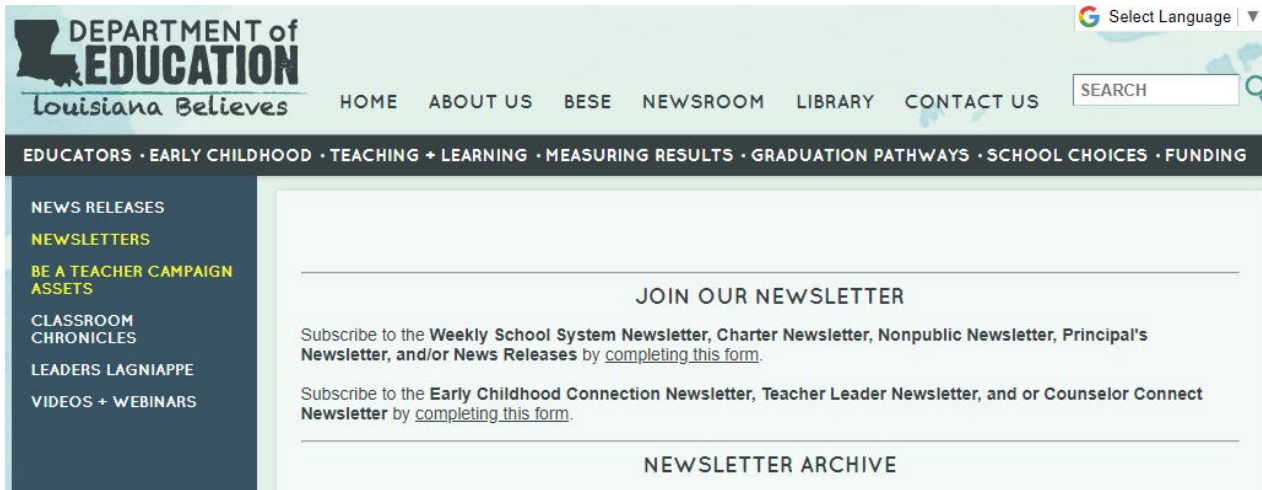


Weekly Newsletters



Weekly Communications - Newsletters

- How to receive weekly LDOE Newsletters - Go to <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/newsletters> to sign up for newsletters important for your role and to find archived newsletters.



The screenshot shows the Louisiana Department of Education website. At the top left is the logo with the text "DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION" and "Louisiana Believes" below it. To the right is a "Select Language" dropdown menu. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT US, BESE, NEWSROOM, LIBRARY, CONTACT US. A search bar is located to the right of the navigation menu. Below the navigation menu is a dark blue banner with white text: "EDUCATORS • EARLY CHILDHOOD • TEACHING + LEARNING • MEASURING RESULTS • GRADUATION PATHWAYS • SCHOOL CHOICES • FUNDING". On the left side, there is a dark blue sidebar with white text listing various resources: NEWS RELEASES, NEWSLETTERS (highlighted in yellow), BE A TEACHER CAMPAIGN ASSETS, CLASSROOM CHRONICLES, LEADERS LAGNIAPPE, and VIDEOS + WEBINARS. The main content area is white and features a section titled "JOIN OUR NEWSLETTER". Below this title, there are two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph says: "Subscribe to the **Weekly School System Newsletter**, **Charter Newsletter**, **Nonpublic Newsletter**, **Principal's Newsletter**, and/or **News Releases** by [completing this form](#)." The second paragraph says: "Subscribe to the **Early Childhood Connection Newsletter**, **Teacher Leader Newsletter**, and or **Counselor Connect Newsletter** by [completing this form](#)." Below the text is a section titled "NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE".

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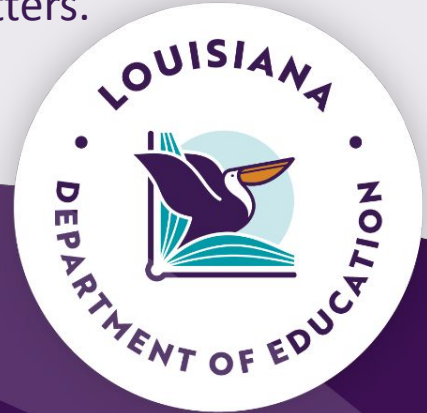
Nonpublic Newsletter

Principals Newsletter

Weekly System Leaders Newsletter

This form applies to system, charter and nonpublic newsletters.

Important notices and materials are posted in these weekly newsletters.



Weekly Communications - Newsletters

- Newsletters include information by LDOE Office

- Items will specifically mention the school system staff who would benefit from the information provided

- Entries and reminders draw attention to important timelines

In This Issue

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Click School System Financial Services link to go directly to the relevant entries.

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Weekly Communications - Newsletters



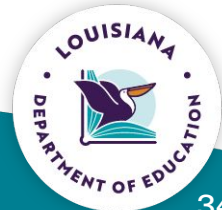
- Special section addresses dates, times and links to monthly calls, office hours and webinars

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- [Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: September 15 at 10 a.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services AFR Office Hours: [September 15 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [September 19 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- School Medicaid Monthly Call: [September 20 at 2:30 p.m.](#)
- [Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: September 20 at 3:45 p.m.](#)

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New Business Manager Survey



Minimum Qualification Requirement for Business Managers

- **Continuing Education:** must acquire either a Certified Louisiana School Business Administrator (CLSBA) or Certified Louisiana Charter School Business Administrator (CLCSBA) certification through the Louisiana Association of School Business Officials (LASBO). An active CPA may substitute for the required certification.
- **Shared Services Provision:** Statute allows school systems to enter into an agreement to share business services, including contracting a business professional that meets the minimum requirements established by BESE.

See page 96 of the LAUGH Guide for additional details or visit:

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/charter-schools>

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New Business Manager Survey

All new Business Managers or Financial Professionals must submit a New Business Manager survey. Contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov for assistance.

This information is required for the annual [Fiscal Risk Assessment](#).



edfin FTP Secure Site



Secure Communications - edfin FTP Secure Site

- Certain information to be shared with business managers requires the use of a secure transmission method rather than email
- SSFS uses this secure site to provide school systems information that may contain PII or other private information related to MFP, PIP, AFR and other financial topics
- edfin FTP Secure Site established for this purpose
- This is a different site and should not be confused with other FTP sites provided by other LDOE offices; for example, Data Coordinators have a specific data FTP site
- Notices will appear in the weekly newsletters when files are placed in edFin

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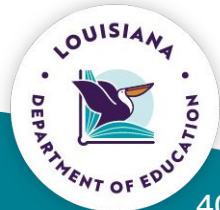


edfin FTP Secure Site

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- Secure information is saved in this “folder” and systems may access the folder with proper security access.
- Business Manager/Financial Officer must contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov to secure access.

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Annual Financial Report (AFR)



Annual Financial Report (AFR) Training

- [AFR comprehensive presentation](#) is available for reference.
- Presentation includes information on:
 - Louisiana Accounting & Uniform Governmental Handbook (LAUGH) Defined
 - Annual Financial Report (AFR) Defined
 - AFR Uses
 - AFR Financial Data
 - AFR Submission Process
 - AFR Submission Required Data
 - AFR Submission - FY 2021-2022 Data Collection
 - Post Submission of AFR
 - AFR Ratings

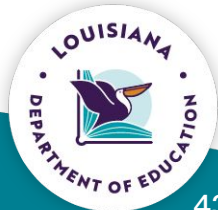
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2021-22 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

- AFR data collection opened September 1, 2022 and is ongoing
- AFR data collection will remain in LEADS for the FALL 2022 collection period
- [FY 2021-2022 AFR documents](#) & templates are located on the AFR LEADS Support Page
 - FY 2021-2022 Coding for State & Federal Grant information has been updated
- For questions on fiscal data and auditor review process, contact staudit@la.gov
- For questions on technical support, contact systemsupport@la.gov

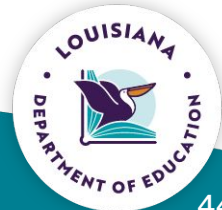
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Annual Financial Report (AFR) to EdLink

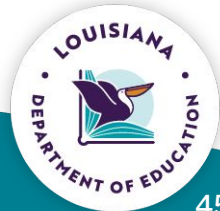
- AFR System will transition to EdLink in Fall 2023
- System design will remain the same but with improved functionality
- Methods for submission will remain the same for those systems utilizing the text file process
- Systems using Filebuilder will be offered a similar and improved process for submission

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Annual Financial Report (AFR) to EdLink

- Development is underway currently for the new EdLink AFR System
- Internal testing has begun to verify build meets requirements of current AFR system
- Additional testing will proceed for the next six months
- Tentative release to school systems with training will begin in Spring 2023



MFP



MFP - Related Data Collections



- Student and staff data collections are supported through school system Data Coordinators
 - Communications surrounding data collections are sent to the Data Coordinators
 - Monthly calls are held to disseminate instructions and guidance to Data Coordinators
 - Details on monthly calls, [Office Hours and Webinars \(louisiana.gov\)](#) may be helpful
 - Consult with your Data Coordinator on any questions regarding data submissions
 - Data submission benchmark calendar can be viewed on [EdLink 360 Support \(louisiana.gov\)](#) to maintain awareness of timelines

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2022-2023 Data Collections

Application systems:

Data is reported during scheduled collection periods with specific open/close dates.

EdLink 360: Data is reported daily (when available) with snapshots taken at specific times during the school year

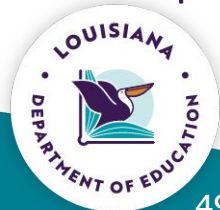
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Collection End Date (Snapshot or System Close)	12/16/2022	9/30/2022	10/31/2022	11/11/2022	1/13/2023	2/10/2023	2/17/2023	2/17/2023	3/31/2023	7/7/2023	8/11/2023	9/30/2023



MFP - Related Data Collections

Student Data Collection via EdLink 360:

- October 1, 2022 MFP student count data collection drives the October MFP Mid-Year Adjustment to funding which takes effect in March 2023
- Student counts are being submitted through the new EdLink system this year
 - EdLink student data collection is underway and closes November 11, 2022
 - All student data must be submitted by November 11, 2022 to be considered in MFP calculations
- Students must be counted and reported per the official MFP Membership Definition located in the [MFP Library](#)



MFP Updates

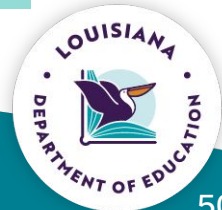
October 1 MFP

School Year	Snapshot Group	Snapshot End Date
2022-2023	Oct 1 MFP	11/11/2022

This snapshot will capture data for students enrolled on Oct 1, 2021, which is the count date.

Oct 1 MFP Data: CALENDARS, STUDENTS, ENROLLMENTS, HOMELESS, DISCIPLINE - Incidents, DISCIPLINE - Offenses, DISCIPLINE - Actions, DISCIPLINE - Persons, PROGRAM_MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE, STUDENT_MARKS

This data is Critical for IDEA and MFP Funding and ED Calculations.



MFP - Related Data Collections

Staff Data Collection via EdLink 360 (October 1 Class: Student and Staff)

- EdLink staff data collection is underway and closes January 13, 2023
 - NEW: EdLink staff collection now allows object code 130 and object code 150 to be accepted for all function codes
- October 1 staffing data collection drives the following funding allocations:
 - Pay Raises - 2019-20, 2021-22, & 2022-23 certificated staff and support workers
 - Projected pay raise cost calculated in July will be reconciled to the October staffing data to create a final allocation in March
 - Pay raise guidance may be viewed in the [MFP Library](#)



MFP Updates

October 1 CLASS (Student and Staff)

School Year	Snapshot Group	Snapshot End Date
2022-2023	Oct 1 CLASS	1/13/2023

This snapshot will capture staff, student, and class schedule data for students enrolled on and staff employed on Oct 1, 2021.

It will also capture data for students enrolled in CTE and CDF courses.

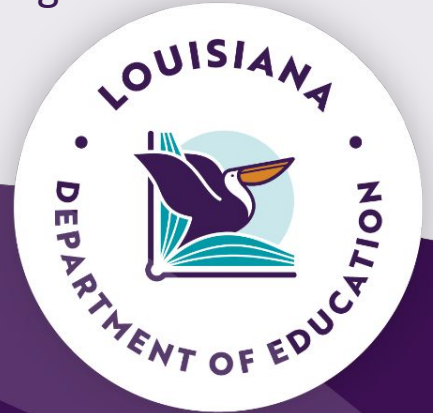
This data is used for:

- Calculating Value Added student growth data (VAM)
- Workforce Reporting
- CTE-Career Tech Education and CDF-Career Development Fund counts (funding),
- Class Size reporting (audit data)
- Interest and Opportunities K-8 class schedules
- For calculating the Interests & Opportunities index



MFP - Related Data Collections

- Mentor Teacher Stipends - new in 2022-23
 - \$2,000 allocated for mentors who support year-long undergraduate residents and post-baccalaureate candidates
 - School systems report mentor teacher data in EdLink 360 Staffing in October
 - [Resident Teacher and Mentor Teacher Compensation Process](#) webinar



70% Expenditure Requirement

- The FY 2020-21 70% Requirement results were reported to BESE at the October 12 meeting.
- Individual school system calculations were released the week of October 3 through the school system specific efin FTP secure sites.
- School systems that do not meet the Requirement will receive communications from the SSFS staff to begin work on an action plan to address challenges in meeting this requirement. Responses will be summarized and reported to BESE later this year.



70% Expenditure Requirement Defined

- The 70% expenditure requirement states that city, parish, or local public school systems or other public schools must ensure that:

at a minimum 70% of the city, parish, or local public school system or other public school **general fund expenditures are in the areas of instruction and school administration at the school building level.**

[Detailed 70% Expenditure Requirement presentation](#)

- For questions contact LDOEMFPHelpdesk@la.gov

