

School System Financial Services Monthly Call Meeting for

Business Managers and Financial Officials

November 2025



Zoom Meeting Preparation



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Agenda

- **Required Submissions**
- **State Grants Update**
- **Federal Grants Update**
- **MFP Formula Update**
- **Reporting Requirements**
- **Important Reminders**
- **Call Dates and Slide Deck Links**



Required Submissions



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.

State Grants



FY 2025-2026 Nonpublic Textbooks Allocation

- The Nonpublic Textbooks Application is now available in eGMS.
 - Applicants are encouraged to ensure that the Nonpublic Textbooks contact information is updated and saved in eGMS.
- Orders for textbooks, etc. must be received between July 1, 2025 and June
 30, 2026 to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Deadline to request reimbursement for Nonpublic Textbooks allocation is July 15, 2026.

Federal Grants



Super App Overview

The Super App is a comprehensive application that allows LEAs to plan for their needs, access their formula funds, and apply for competitive funds on one timeline.

Phase	Action	Review Step
Original Application Launches in October Deadline to submit: 1/23	Approval of CIR/UIR-A Strategy	The LDOE will review answers to designated questions within the Super App to approve the school system'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 <u>federal requirement for each school system's ESSA plan</u> (20 USC §6312).
Amendment 1 Opens late April Deadline to submit: 6/30	Approval of Super App	The LDOE will review school system budgets for formula and competitive funds to ensure that each expenditure is allowable under the specific grant.



School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item	
October	2026-2027 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook released	
December 31	Final 2025-2026 ESSA formula funds loaded in Super App	
January	2026-2027 Super App (competitive portion) due	
FebMarch	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets	
FebMay	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations	
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval	
May 1	Allocations for 2026-2027 loaded in Super App	
June 30	Deadline to submit 2026-2027 Super App Amendment 1	
July 1	2026-2027 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2026-2027 School System Plan	

MFP Formula Update



MFP Related Data Collections

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

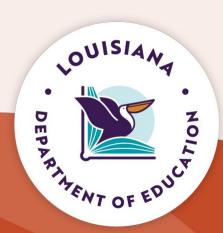
- October 1 staffing data collection drives the following funding allocations:
 - Pay Raises 2019-20, 2021-22, & 2022-23 certificated staff and support workers
 - Projected pay raise cost calculated in July will be reconciled to the October staffing data to create a final allocation in March
 - Pay raise guidance may be viewed in the <u>MFP Library</u>.
 - All staffing data must be submitted by January 15, 2026.



Reporting Requirements in 2025-26



Approved General Fund Budgets

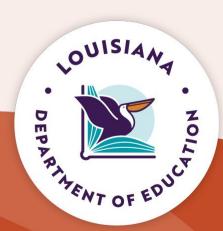


Approved General Fund Budgets

The <u>Approved General Fund Budget Listing</u>, which includes a listing of city/parish school systems who reported their budgets timely, is available for reference in the Business Manager Support Resources under the General Fund Budget Section of the webpage.



BESE Agreed Upon Procedures



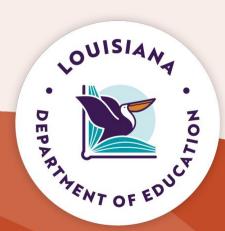
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Testing is required for two schedules:

- <u>Schedule 1</u>-General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources for FY 2024-2025.
- <u>Schedule 2</u>-Class Size Characteristics (note: Data is provided through EdLinks 360 dashboard).



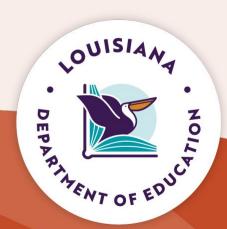
Fiscal Risk Assessment



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- The Fiscal Risk Assessment provides an overview of various data elements to assess information that may define local school systems as being financially at risk.
- The Fiscal Risk Assessment results for each school system is available in the EdFin FTP portal.
- Systems identified as being in "Corrective Action" or in "Monitor" were notified. Responses for systems with an "In Corrective Action" notice are due by Friday, December 5, 2025.
- BESE will receive a report of the 2024-25 Fiscal Risk Assessment results (based on 2023-24 data) at its December meeting.

70% Instructional Expenditure Requirement



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- The 70% Instructional Expenditure Requirement report provides an overview of each system's calculation of their general fund expenditures that are classified as instructional expenditures.
- The 70% Instructional Expenditure Requirement results for each school system is available in the EdFin FTP portal.
- Systems who did not meet the required 70% of instructional expenditures will be required to submit a Corrective Action Plan to SSFS by December 12, 2025.
- BESE will receive a report of the 2023-24 70% Instructional Requirement results at its January meeting.

Important Reminders



Upcoming Webinars and Professional Development



Upcoming Regional Collaborations

The Louisiana Department of Education will host in-person regional collaboration meetings for Business Managers and Grants Accountants according to the following schedule:

January 21, 2026 - New Orleans - Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center

January 22, 2026 - Baton Rouge - Cook Hotel

January 23, 2026 - Lafayette - University of Louisiana at Lafayette

January 27, 2026 - Monroe - University of Louisiana at Monroe

January 28, 2026 - Shreveport - Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier





Reminders

There will not be a Business Managers monthly call in December 2025. The next monthly call will be held on January 28, 2025.

Reminder with date and link will be posted in LDOE Weekly Newsletter

The slide decks for the monthly call can be found in the <u>Business Manager Support Library</u> on the website.