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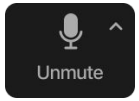
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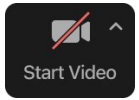
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October 2026

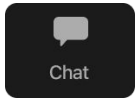
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Agenda

- Required Submissions
- State Grant Updates
- Federal Grants Update
- MFP Formula Update
- Reporting Requirements
- Important Reminders

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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.

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2026 Federal Reimbursements Deadline

- The deadlines noted below are for federal awards ending on September 30, 2026:
  - eGMS Reimbursement Requests are due on or before November 16, 2026.
  - Periodic expenditure reports are due on or before November 16, 2026.

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Charter Schools
1st Quarter Budget Submission

- The First Quarter Financial Budget Report for FY 2026-2027 is due by **October 31, 2026.**
- If your organization operates more than one charter school, you must submit the financial report for each individual school.
- For more details see the Instructions for Quarterly budgets tab in the Annual Budget Workbook.

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State Grants

Differentiated Compensation Allocation

Differentiated Compensation

- Provides funding to allow school systems to address their unique market needs in the recruitment and retention of teachers.
- Allocation methodology will be based on the number of teachers as reported in the latest available staffing data.
- Includes retirement benefits at the FY 26-27 retirement rates.
- Funding was released to school systems on September 11, 2026.

Guidance document and allocation summary is posted in the Business Manager Support Library.

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Internships and Apprenticeships Allocations

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- HB1 provides a combined $2M for FY26-27 Internship and Apprenticeship programs
- HB 1 provides one-time legislative funding in the amount of $1,000 per course/student for internship experiences.
  - Reporting window closes in November
- HB1 also provides $3,500 times the number of students enrolled in eligible rural apprenticeship programs and $2,500 times the number of students for non-rural apprenticeship programs.
  - Reporting window closes in October

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Agriculture Allocation

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- HB 1 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature allocated $850,000 of state funds for the purchase of instructional materials and supplies for each student enrolled in a vocational agriculture, agribusiness, or agriscience course, as of the most recent October 1 count.
  - **Are these funds part of the MFP?** No, these funds are completely separate from any MFP funds.
  - **Are these funds part of any Federal grant?** No, these funds are state funds.
  - **When does the department usually release these funds to the school systems?** These funds are usually released in April of each fiscal year.

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Federal Grants

2025-2026 High Cost Services

The High Cost Services Round 2 grant funding ends on September 30, 2026.

- Submit your reimbursement requests through eGMS to claim these funds by November 16, 2026.

2026-2027 Jump Start / CDF Funding

- The Jump Start / CDF Funding Guidance supports school systems in planning and leveraging funds to expand high-quality career and technical education pathways aligned to workforce needs.

- School systems are encouraged to review the updated Jump Start Funding Guidance to support budget planning and program alignment.

- The Jump Start / CDF Funding Guidance is available on the Jump Start Policy, Funding, & Program Implementation page of the LDOE's website.

Super App School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
October 29	2027-2028 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook released
December 31	Final 2026-2027 ESSA formula funds loaded in Super App
January 22	2027-2028 Super App (competitive portion) due
February-March	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets
February-March	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval
May 6	BESE-approved Competitive and Estimated Formula Allocations for 2027-2028 loaded in Super App
May 7	Deadline to submit CSI/TSI plan in eGMS
June 30	Deadline to submit 2027-2028 Super App Amendment 1
July 1	2027-2028 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2027-2028 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 MFP Library.
    - All staffing data must be submitted by **January 14, 2027**.

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MFP Related Data Collections

Staff Data Collection via EdLink 360 (Mentor and Resident Teacher Collection)

- October 1 staffing data collection drives the following funding allocations:
  - Mentor Stipends
  - Resident Stipends
- October 1 staffing data collection drives the following funding allocations:
  - EdLink staffing data collection is underway and closes **October 29, 2026.**
  - All mentor and resident staffing data must be submitted by **October 29, 2026** to be considered in MFP calculations
- $2,000 allocated for mentors who support year-long undergraduate residents and post-baccalaureate candidates

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MFP Related Data Collections

Staff Vacancy Data Collection

- All staffing data for vacancy positions must be submitted by **November 12, 2026.**

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International Associate Teachers Stipends

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- This program supports the cost of employing first-year international teachers for language instruction with an installation stipend of $6,000
- Stipends must be provided to International Language Associate teachers by the school system in which they are employed.
- The allocation schedule was provided in the September Budget Letter in the Level 4 tab. The September Budget Letter is located in the MFP Library
- The funding will be released to participating school systems on **October 16, 2026**.

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Reporting Requirements

Executive Order Updates

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- In the September 29th Weekly Newsletter, the LDOE provided school systems with documentation they are required to complete and submit to receive the Executive Order Allocation for classroom teacher and support staff stipends.
- Submission is due no later than **October 30.**
- Payments to school systems for the Executive Order Allocation will be released upon review and approval of the information received.
- Executive Order Guidance is available to provide answers to questions on how a school system demonstrates compliance with using the redirected funds governed by Executive Order 26-047.

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Testing is required for two schedules:

- **Schedule 1** - General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources for FY 2025-2026.

- **Schedule 2** - Class Size Characteristics (note: Data is provided through EdLinks 360 dashboard).

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70% Instructional Requirement

BESE Agreed Upon Procedures

- 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 are required to submit a Corrective Action Plan to SSFS by **Friday, October 30, 2026.**
- BESE will receive a report of the 2024-25 70% Instructional Requirement results at its January meeting.

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Important Reminders

Upcoming Monthly Call Date

Reminders

The next Business Managers Monthly Call will be held on November 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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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