

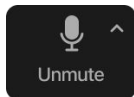


School System Financial Services
Monthly Call Meeting
for
Business Managers and Financial Officials

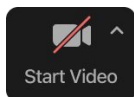
September 2026



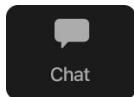
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Agenda

- **Required Submissions**
- **State Grant Updates**
- **Federal Grants Update**
- **MFP Formula Update**
- **Reporting Requirements**
- **Bulletin 1929 Updates**
- **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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Charter Schools Annual Budgets

- The FY 2026-2027 Annual Charter School Operating Budgets were due on July 31, 2026.
- If the Annual Operating Budget submitted by August 1 is not adopted in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, submittal of the budget adopted in accordance with the Budget Act is required no later than September 30.
- A signed and dated Statement of Affirmation must be submitted with the annual budget workbook, which can be found in the Charter School Resources on the [Business Manager Support Library](#) webpage.

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School Systems General Fund Budgets

- September 15 -deadline for each city and parish school board to adopt a budget for the General Fund and each Special Revenue fund for the fiscal year.
- September 30 -deadline to submit the officially adopted budget and statute-required documents to LDOE.
- Required documents to be submitted to the LDOE include:
 - General Fund Budget Form A (Excel Document)
 - School System Adopted Budget
 - Signed and dated signature sheet.
- General Fund Budget documents can be found on the [Business Manager Support Library](#) webpage.

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Annual Financial Report (AFR) Data Collection

- August 31 - AFR data collection opened via the EdLinks Ops AFR Portal
- September 30 - deadline to submit the initial Annual Financial Report to LDOE
- Guidance documents and templates can be located in the [Business Manager Support Library](#)

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Act 370 Reporting Requirements

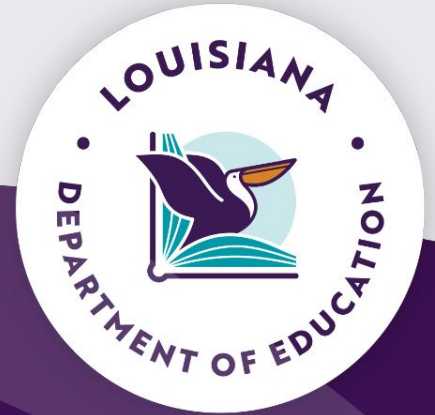
The Louisiana Department of Treasury has released the following important submission deadlines:

- August 14, 2026: The School Transparency Project Portal opened for data submissions covering the reporting period of January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.
- September 1, 2026: Deadline for school systems to upload all required data to the School Transparency Project Portal.
- September 30, 2026: Approved data for this reporting period will be published on the public School Transparency Project website.

Updated reporting forms, guidance documents, and additional resources are available on the Louisiana Department of the Treasury's School Transparency Project website at <https://www.treasury.la.gov/general-4>



State Grants



EEF Allocation



2026 - 2027 EEF Funding

- EEF allocations will be available for the 2026-27 school year
- Projected Timeline
 - September 21: EEF application will be available in eGMS
 - October 9: deadline for submission of the EEF application
- Please be reminded that if you have not already done so, the 6/30 PER for your 2025-26 application needs to be submitted. Failure to do so could result in your LEA not being eligible for the 2026-27 application
- Investment funding: if you have investment funding that you want to budget, this should be done during the application process.

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2026 - 2027 EEF Funding

- Two webinars will be conducted to assist school systems in preparing for the upcoming release of the 2026-2027 Education Excellence Fund (EEF) application.
- Zoom meetings will be held on:
 - September 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m..
 - September 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
- Additional information will be included in the LDOE Weekly Newsletter that will include the Webinar link

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Differentiated Compensation Allocation

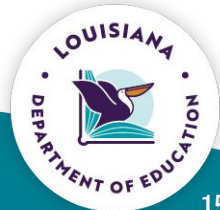


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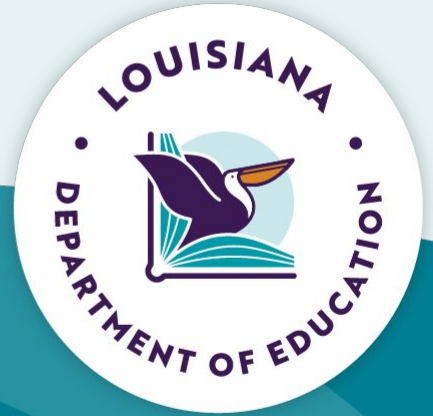
- Provides funding to allow school systems to address their unique market needs in the recruitment and retention of teachers.
- Allocation methodology will be based on the number of teachers as reported in the latest available staffing data.
- Includes retirement benefits at the FY 26-27 retirement rates.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



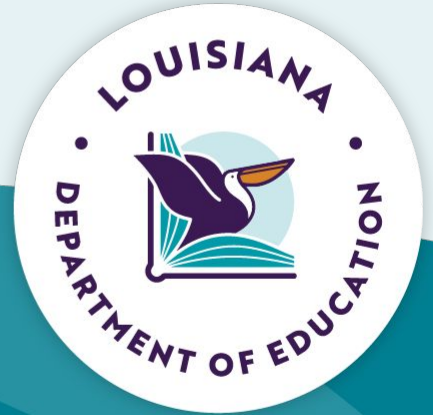
Agriculture Allocation

- 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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Professional Improvement Plan (PIP)



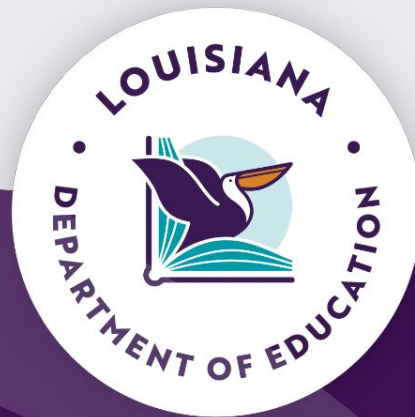
Professional Improvement Plan (PIP)

- The PIP Participants Listing is included in the edFin FTP portal.
 - If there are any new PIP representatives, please submit updated information via the PIP Finance Helpdesk email address.
- Please be reminded that submission of participant changes for PIP funding must be emailed to PIPFinancehelpdesk@la.gov by September 30, 2026.

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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.



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.

FY24 ESEA Tydings Waiver

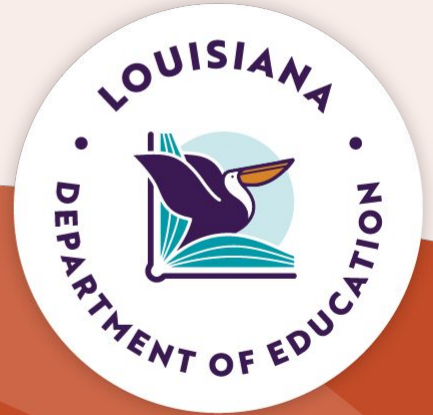
- LDOE is requesting the FY24 Tydings waiver, pursuant section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
- **If approved:**
 - Extends availability by 12 months of FY24 funding
 - FY24 funding will expire as of 9/30/27 instead of 9/30/2026
- **Note:** FY23 funding will expire as of 9/30/26



MFP Formula Update



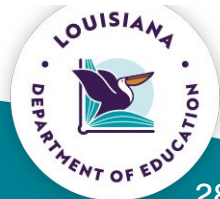
Executive Order Updates



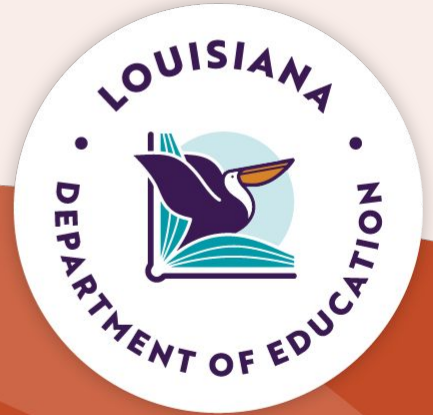
Executive Order Updates

- The [Executive Order Guidance](#) is available in the MFP Library. This guidance document provides answers to questions on how a school system demonstrates compliance with using the redirected funds governed by Executive Order 26-047.
- Instructions regarding a portal in which school systems will be required to answer questions and upload documents regarding pay raises and/or stipends issued will be available in September.
- Payments to school systems for the Executive Order Allocation will be released upon approval of the information received via the portal.

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EdLinks Staffing Data



EdLinks Data System Collections

EdLink 360 opened **August 10** for the 2026–2027 collection year for both student and staff data submissions.

The last day to submit all extracts to the EdLink 360 SFTP for the **October 1** MFP/IDEA and Mentor and Resident Teacher Funding collections is **October 28** by 5 p.m.

- October 1 MFP/IDEA data are used to allocate MFP and IDEA funding and in Economically Disadvantaged (ED) calculations.
- Mentor and Resident Teacher data are used to allocate Mentor and Resident stipends.



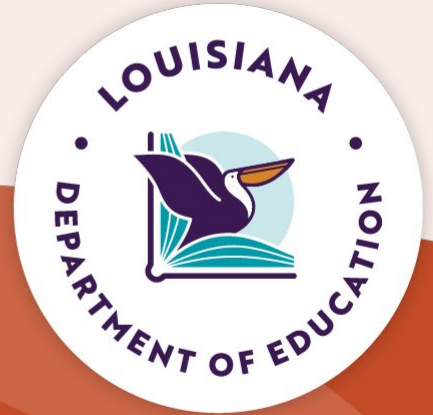
MFP Data Collection

- The calculation of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula is dependent on student and staffing data.
- BESE regulations state that:
 - It is the responsibility of the school systems and schools to submit to LDOE all necessary and required information, in a timely manner and in the format required, for the computation of the Minimum Foundation Program formula allocations.

Important Reminders



Professional Development



Upcoming Regional Collaborations

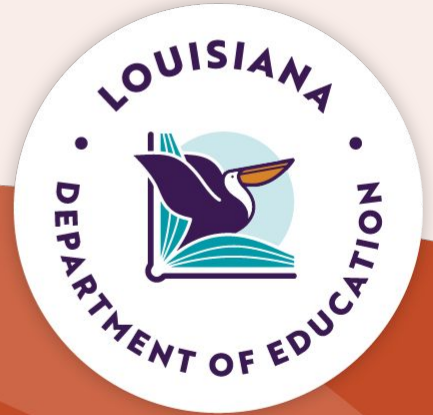
Schedule: Business Managers Only

These half-day afternoon collaborations will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Cohort	Session 1	Session 2	Location
Monroe	NONE	Jan 26, 2027	University of Louisiana Monroe, Bayou Pointe, 1 Warhawk Way, Monroe, LA
Alexandria	Sept 28, 2026	NONE	Rapides Parish School Board Media Center, 502 Beauregard Street, Alexandria, LA
Lafayette	Oct 1, 2026	Feb 2, 2027	University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Student Union, 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA
Baton Rouge	Sept 30, 2026	Jan 28, 2027	September - Cook Hotel & Conference Center, 3838 W. Lakeshore Dr, Baton Rouge, LA January - University View Conference Center, 3113 Valley Creek Dr, Baton Rouge, LA
New Orleans	Sept 29, 2026	NONE	Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA



Upcoming Monthly Call Date



Reminders



The next Business Managers Monthly Call will be held on October 21, 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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