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Superintendent's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Last week's Teacher Leader Summit was a success in all senses. Intellectually, we all grew. Emotionally, we were revitalized. I cannot thank enough the hundreds of presenters and the thousands of participants.

In my opening comments (you can view the speech [here](#)), I called on government to trust educators to take on leadership roles. I also called on educators themselves to seize responsibility for leading the academic change in our state. At every level, and in every area -- from early childhood through pathways to the middle class -- this issue of trust and responsibility seems to me the greatest variable in whether we succeed.

Over the course of the year, I look forward to continue to working with the [Teacher Leaders](#) through regional collaboratives and through our program of online support.

The state's collaboratives will in fact be the essential mechanism of academic support throughout the year. At every level of our system -- superintendents, supervisors, principals, and counselors -- professionals will meet regionally and statewide this year to discuss, debate, and develop the most important ways in which we can improve.

We have all worked so hard to change. Now it is time to let the change work for us. If we empower educators, and if they seize responsibility, we can pull in one direction, together.

As always, thank you for all you do for our children,

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Action Items for Scholarship Schools

Date	Action (see body of newsletter for more details)
June 26	Tuition and Fees Worksheet and Documentation Due
Early July	Schools Receive Round 2 Scholarship Student Roster and Families Receive Scholarship award letters
July 31	Round 2 Registration Deadline
Early August	2015-2016 Transfer Process Opens

Application and Enrollment

Main Round Registration and Round 2

Thank you for all your work to make this application season a success! Scholarship staff is currently reviewing the Main Round Registration and Round 2 Workbooks. The Round 2 lottery will take place this month, and we anticipate that schools and families will receive award notification in early July. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to studentscholarships@la.gov.

Communicating Seat Availability

Please remember that schools should not be communicating to families regarding current seat availability, since that information will inevitably change once Round 2 results are processed. Please do not indicate to families that seats are available, as those openings will be assigned during the Round 2 placement process, and may not actually be available to inquiring families. Conflicting messages around seat availability can create confusion and anxiety for parents.

Scholarship Support

Scholarship Summer Institute

We are excited to announce that the Department will be hosting a Scholarship Summer Institute for school leaders and administrators in the last week of July in the Baton Rouge area. At this full day workshop, participants will have an opportunity to:

- 1) Highlight the success of the past year and plan for the upcoming year;
- 2) Build on their understanding of Scholarship program processes and the policies that govern the program; and,
- 3) Cultivate the Scholarship community - a network of dedicated, talented professionals all working for students and their families.

More information will be forthcoming as specific details are finalized.

Louisiana Scholarship Program End of Year Survey

This survey is designed to help the Scholarship Team identify successes and areas of improvement in our work with Scholarship schools. We appreciate your feedback and hope that you will share your opinions, observations, and suggestions with us. The Scholarship Team will use your feedback to ensure that Scholarship program processes effectively support your efforts to provide every student with a quality education.

We ask that you please complete the [Louisiana Scholarship Program End of Year Survey](#) by **Friday, June 12**.

2015-16 Tuition and Fees Worksheet and Supporting Documentation

The Scholarship team e-mailed the 2015-16 Tuition and Fees worksheet to all School Leaders and Scholarship Contacts on May 28, 2015.

In addition to submitting the 2015-16 Tuition and Fees worksheet, as in previous years, the Scholarship Team is also asking schools to submit documentation (such as a tuition fee schedule) to justify each of the tuition and required fee amounts. This documentation should

be submitted with the Tuition and Fees worksheet by **Friday, June 26.**

The 2015-16 Tuition and Fees Worksheet and Documentation should be e-mailed to studentscholarships@la.gov.

Department Support

IEP Team Professional Learning Series

The Department has entered into a partnership with the LSU Human Development Center to host the **IEP Team Professional Learning Series**. The two-day face to face training will provide resources for developing effective individualized programs for students with disabilities. The training is from **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** each day and is available in the following cities:

- Baton Rouge: August 4-5
- Bossier: August 4-5
- Alexandria: August 6-7
- Lake Charles: August 6-7
- Monroe: August 11-12
- New Orleans: August 13-14

School representatives can register on [Coursewhere](#) or go directly to this link: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?4201>.

Superintendent's Collaboration and Teacher Leader Summit Feedback Survey

Thank you for attending the 2015 Teacher Leader Summit! Your feedback on this event will be invaluable to the Department as we make improvements for next year. Therefore, please complete this brief [survey](#) by **5:00 p.m. Friday, June 26.**

2015-16 Teacher Leader Advisor Application

The Department has released the [15-16 Teacher Leader Advisor application](#). Local Louisiana educators play a critical role in creating tools and facilitating professional development for fellow Louisiana educators. **Teacher Leader Advisors** help:

- Create resources and tools for the [Teacher Support Toolbox](#)
- Provide input on [Instructional Materials Reviews](#)
- Create items for [EAGLE](#)
- Lead [virtual and in-person](#) training for fellow educators

Please encourage Teacher Leaders in your district to submit an application by **Friday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m.**

ELA and Math Summer Content Institutes Registration

The Department is offering professional development opportunities to ELA and math teachers this summer to build upon content covered this week at the Teacher Leaders Summit. Space is limited; therefore districts need to register their teachers as soon as possible for the following events:

English Language Arts (ELA):

- [LaTech, Grades K-2](#): Sessions focus on literacy development and helping students with complex texts.
- [National Math and Science Initiative English Laying the Foundation Grades 3-12](#): Sessions focus on showing ELA teachers how to help students read, understand, and express understanding of complex texts independently.
- [ELA Guidebooks, Grades K-12](#): LDOE-led sessions focus on supporting teachers in the use of the ELA guidebooks.

Math:

- [Eureka Math, Grades K-HS](#): Sessions focus on helping teachers successfully implement the Eureka modules and are applicable to those in their first, second, or third year of implementation. Discount Code: **EM2015LA** (all caps)
- [Cain Center, Grades K-HS](#): Sessions focus on grade-band, content-specific professional development for teachers in grades K-8, Algebra I, and Geometry.
- [Math Design Collaborative \(MDC\), Grades 6-12](#): Sessions led by Louisiana educators focus on using math talk in the classroom, integrating high quality tasks into the curriculum, and analyzing student work.

All CourseWhere registrations are now first-come, first-served. The generic registration codes are:

Team Name: Guidebook Training2015

Password: Guidebook2015

For more information on any of these Summer Content Institutes, including registration procedures and allocation information, view the [PD Calendar](#). If you have questions or difficulty registering, please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov.

2015 Jump Start Super Summer Institute

2015 Jump Start Super Summer Institute (SSI) is being held at South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette, LA from July 20 - 24, 2015. SSI will provide teacher certification training for [Statewide Jump Start Industry-Based Certifications](#) and is being co-hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education, South Louisiana Community College, and Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Registration **closed** May 15, 2015 and the deadline for cancellations was May 22, 2015. Registrants will receive a final registration confirmation email by June 5 and will receive an email from the session facilitator by June 11.

Please direct all questions about the 2015 Jump Start Super Summer Institute to JumpStart@la.gov.

Data Privacy Law

The legislature passed legislation, Acts 837 and 677, which took effect on June 1, 2015. To ensure compliance with the law, we'd like to share a few updates and reminders:

- **Student Social Security Numbers:** When communicating about students in writing, please do not include the student's social security number in any digital communication.
- **Student Communication:** When communicating about students in writing, please do not include two or more pieces of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in any digital communication.
- **Sending Attached Files:** If sending an attached file is necessary, please ensure all files including PII are properly password-protected. The password must be communicated in a unique message and cannot be included in the body of the email with the file.

Lagniappe

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Application

Applications for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2015-2016 school year are now available for School Food Authorities to open, complete, and submit online through the [Child Nutrition Program website](#). For more details, please click [here](#).

Last Week's Newsletter

To view the June 4 newsletter, please click [here](#).

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