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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

System Leaders,

On January 8, 2024, Governor Landry [vetoed](#) the graduation appeals process for students who fail to pass required LEAP 2025 assessments. This veto is effective immediately, preventing any additional appeals from being submitted to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).

In a state with long-challenged educational outcomes, there is no room for policies that falsely inflate results, offering a disservice to our ongoing noble pursuit of authentic educational improvement.

When students graduate from a Louisiana high school, employers and universities must have confidence that graduates hold a minimum proficiency in spoken and written English, foundational mathematical abilities, a core appreciation of American civics, and basic scientific reasoning skills. Equally important, the students themselves should hold these fundamental skills to secure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I applaud Governor Landry's swift and decisive action eliminating this bad public policy.

As I have shared throughout this process, we are open to, and must, explore solutions for all students in need of support. We must also maintain the integrity of a Louisiana diploma.

LDOE will share additional information with systems who submitted appeals prior to the veto in the coming days. If you have immediate questions regarding the impact of the veto, please consult with your legal counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Carl Brumley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

State Superintendent of Education

cc: Office of Governor Jeff Landry
Senate President Cameron Henry
Speaker of the House Phillip DeVillier
BESE Members