

Last week, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) took several actions that directly impact the activities of or are significant interest to local education agencies. A summary is provided below.

For more information or questions, please contact [Ryan Gremillion](#).

Approval of Course Choice providers for the Jump Start Summers Programs

Jump Start Summers Programs, funded by Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA), are available to launch scaffolded, multiyear summer training sessions in public school facilities and on employer worksites that aid student preparation for college, career, and life success. Sponsoring school systems, charter schools, and course providers are approved as course providers to use SCA funding to launch and sustain student summer training programs contingent upon having at least one committed industry partner willing to provide students with the opportunity to complete on-site job shadowing and/or internships with student stipends. Students will receive an academic Carnegie credit, Industry Based Credential, and stipend for sessions successfully completed.

[Click here](#) to view the approved Course Choice providers for the Jump Start Summers Program.

Approval of Allocations

The Board approved approximately \$40 million to improve nearly 500 struggling schools among 112 school systems across the state. The competitive allocations support schools as they implement their state-approved, evidence-based strategies for improvement during the 2019-2020 school year. The strongest plans focus on enhancing daily instruction, expanding professional development opportunities for all educators, and improving behavioral intervention practices. The Department will support school systems and schools with implementation of their plans starting at the annual Teacher Leader Summit where various sessions will be closely aligned to the key strategies outlined in the approved plans. [The Summit will take place June 26-28](#) in New Orleans.

[Click here](#) to view the list of allocations approved at last week's meeting.

BESE Special Meeting

BESE has scheduled a special meeting for May 7 at 9:30 a.m., in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne State Office Building in Baton Rouge, for consideration of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula.