

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

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Approval of course providers for the Course Choice Program for 2017-2018

In accordance with [R.S. 17:4002.4](#), the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the Course Choice Program. This year, the LDE implemented a “rolling applications” process for course providers. This new process enables the LDE to accept Course Choice course provider applications throughout the year.

Last week, the LDE recommended the Youth Challenge Program for Board approval based on successful completion of the three specified Course Choice evaluation phases (i.e., Application, Interview, and Independent Panel Review).

[Click here](#) to view a description of the course provider applicants approved by the Board at last week’s meeting.

Approval of Allocations

The Board approved several allocations of funding to local districts at last week’s meeting including Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood funding, funding for full-year classroom teaching residencies, and funding for implementing the Preschool Expansion Grant.

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