

June 2018 BESE Summary

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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 revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, relative to school accountability

In October 2017, BESE approved revisions to Bulletin 111 in order to implement Louisiana's federally approved state education plan. Last week, BESE approved further revisions to Bulletin 111 which clarified language regarding measurement and reporting of K-3 school performance scores, subgroup performance scores, and recognition of fifth-year graduates who earn associate degrees.

Click here to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 111, The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System.

Approval of revisions to Bulletin 118, Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices, regarding appeals relative to testing irregularities

BESE approved revisions to Bulletin 118, which create a mechanism for school systems wishing to appeal test security decisions by the LDE.

<u>Click here</u> to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 118, Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices.

<u>Approval</u> of revisions to Bulletin 741, <u>Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators</u>, relative to diploma requirements and <u>instruction in personal financial literacy</u>

BESE approved revisions to Bulletin 741 which align New Jump Start STEM Core Academic course options with Louisiana's diplomas. The revisions also provide for required instruction in personal financial management in public elementary and secondary schools in accordance with <u>Act 154</u> of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session.

Click here to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators.

Approval of revisions to Bulletin 746, Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel, regarding teacher certification

BESE approved revisions to Bulletin 746 relative to the Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certificate, so that school systems are better able to meet workforce needs. The revisions also establish criteria whereby a teacher may be issued a dyslexia practitioner or dyslexia therapist ancillary certificate, in accordance with <u>Act 411</u> of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session.

Click here to view the approved revisions to Bulletin 746, Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.

Approval of Allocations

The Board approved several allocations of funding to local school systems at last week's meeting, including funding to support the implementation of school improvement initiatives; funding to improve literacy outcomes for students with disabilities; funding for teacher preparation transition support; and funding for dropout prevention/recovery and workforce preparation for at-risk youth,

Click here to view the list of allocations approved at last week's meeting.