

LDOE Weekly Newsletter



May 19, 2015

Superintendents' Message

Dear Colleagues,

The end of one school year quickly becomes the start of a new one. The Department's support plans for 2015-2016 include direct support for district leaders through Network Teams that will focus on reflecting on results, setting goals, academic tools, unifying early childhood systems, and pathways to life after high school. In light of state budget reductions, the Department has shifted to four Network Teams. The teams will thus be spread further throughout the state, but their focus will be sharper than ever before. You can find the Network with which your district is affiliated [here](#). If you would like to change your affiliation, please contact me at John.White@la.gov directly.

The annual Louisiana Teacher Leaders Summit will be held in New Orleans June 4 and 5, bringing together more than 5,000 of our state's most committed educators. At the summit, more than [250 sessions](#) will cover topics including setting goals, lesson planning, assessment, and reflecting on results. These sessions will be followed by more than 25 days of support for Teacher Leaders offered throughout the course of the school year.

This week's [Superintendents' Call](#) included a full picture of the Department's plans for supporting you, your staff, [principals](#), and [teachers](#). For all of the positive change we saw this school year, I'm very confident that, working together, we will make even more positive change in the next.

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

John

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District Support

Principal Training Dates Released

ATTENTION DISTRICT COMPASS CONTACTS & SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Beginning in 2015-2016, the Department will help principals develop their skills as instructional leaders by providing three distinct categories of support:

1. **Policy Improvements:** BESE recently approved [a set of educator recommendations](#) regarding [principal](#) empowerment.
2. **Tools and Resources:** Supporting educators with decision making and empowerment as they lead their schools.
3. **Direct Support:** [Grant opportunity](#) targeting school-wide structures and skill development of current and future leaders

The Department will provide educators from across the state with the time to learn about these improvements throughout the summer months through the following training opportunities:

- Superintendent Collaboration
- Teacher Leader Summit
- Regional Principal Collaborations
- Compass Training Modules

Click [here](#) for detailed information on these trainings, including date and locations and registration information.

Please share this information with all District Compass contacts and Principals. Contact compass@la.gov with any questions related to the 2015-2016 Principal Support efforts.

Superintendent Collaboration Event and Teacher Leader Summit Logistics Memos

The 2015 Superintendent Collaboration Event (June 3-4) and Teacher Leader Summit (June 4-5) are just a few weeks away! To get the most out of these events, **participants should read through the following resources for each event that they plan to attend.** These documents include important information about parking, session materials, technology, the agenda, and how to prepare.

Please share the following documents and resources with your districts' participants and ensure they come prepared to engage in what will be a great event.

Superintendent Collaboration Event:

- [Superintendent Collaboration Event Logistics Memo](#)
- [2015 Superintendent Collaboration Program](#)

Teacher Leader Summit:

- [Teacher Leader Summit Logistics Memo](#)
- [2015 Teacher Leader Summit Program](#)

ELA and Math Summer Content Institute Registration

Register your ELA and math teachers now for content-rich professional development through the Summer Content Institutes. For information about registering and receiving reimbursements for the institutes, access page 4 of the [PD Calendar](#). If you have any questions or have trouble registering, please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov.

2015-16 Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) Application

The [Literacy Design Collaborative \(LDC\)](#) supports teachers in creating unit plans and daily instructional plans for students using resources in the [Teacher Support Toolbox](#). **The Department invites districts to submit an application for grades 3-12 ELA, science, and social studies teachers and leaders to receive training on how to use the LDC framework.** Districts that joined LDC in previous years are also invited to submit an application to train additional teachers and leaders.

Three trainings will be delivered during the 2015-16 school year: September, November, and January. Click [here](#) for the application, participant expectations, training dates, and overview of the framework. Contact jill.slack@la.gov for assistance.

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.**

High School Opportunities

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 is 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.

The week of May 25, districts / charters will receive an invoice, via email, indicating total registration fees due by June 19, 2015. Each district / charter should submit payment accompanied with a copy of the on-screen registration confirmation / message for all teachers registered. Mail payment to:

Louisiana Department of Education
Appropriation Control
ATTN: Michelle S. Hill
P. O. Box 94064

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

Course Choice/SCA School Level Information

Course Choice funded through the Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA) will provide students and schools with access to a broad variety of course offerings from online, face-to-face, industry training, and dual enrollment course providers. These course offerings will enable schools to provide courses not currently available to their students, including:

- Career and technical preparation, supporting the Jump Start program
- Academic work required to achieve TOPS
- Advanced coursework not available at the school due to limited resources
- Dual Enrollment
- Intensive remediation for students struggling to stay on pace for graduation

The registration process will open in early June. Each high school should have an account on the system to approve registrations.

If you are unsure of the user account for your school please send an e-mail to SCA@la.gov requesting account information. Please include your school name and school district in the body of the message.

Course Choice/SCA Registration System: <http://lacourses.net/>

Information: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/courses/supplemental-course-academy>

Weekly Course Choice Webinars will be held each Monday to provide school counselors with an overview of the registration system.

- **June 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
- **July 13, 2015, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
- **July 20, 2015, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Web Conference Link: <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/r3q1d9pf11q/>

To connect by telephone only (no computer): 1.800.832.0736 Access code 1053465

Assessment & Accountability

Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call and Webinar

The June Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call and Webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

Webinar Login Information: (**No pre-registration required*)

- Meeting Name: District Test Coordinator Monthly Meetings
- Click [here](#) to join the meeting or go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/dtc/>
- Enter the meeting room as a guest and provide your name.
- Audio access via phone bridge: **(800) 832-0736** / room number: **3423602**
- Select the "listen only mode" if joining the meeting via computer or smartphone.

2015-2016 Assessment Planning Meeting

District test coordinators and accountability contacts are invited to attend the 2015-2016 Assessment Planning Meeting

scheduled to take place in July.

Topics will include 2015-2016 assessment and accountability, test security, and transition to the GUID system.

Each meeting will take place from **8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Thursday, July 16 at the Jefferson Parish School Board in Harvey
- Monday, July 20 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge
- Tuesday, July 21 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge
- Thursday, July 23 at the Family Life Center in Jena

Registration is available in [Coursewhere](#).

Please contact assessment@la.gov with any questions.

Waiver for Alternative Birth to Five Child Assessment Tool

Please forward to Early Childhood Supervisors/Coordinating Partners of Early Childhood Community Networks

The Department of Education is now accepting applications from Early Childhood Community Networks interested in using an assessment other than *Teaching Strategies GOLD* for programs serving children birth to five.

The deadline to apply for the waiver is **June 3, 2015**.

For more information and a copy of the waiver application, please contact ivy.starns@la.gov.

Data

Special Education LEA Determinations

Please forward to all Data Coordinators:

Special Education LEA Determinations Federal Fiscal Year 2013 file, "LEA Code_LEA Name_FFY 2013_LEA Determinations," will be available on the FTP site by **Friday, May 22, 2015** and will **expire Friday, June 5, 2015** (14 days after drop date). Each FTP coordinator should locate their individual district file and **share it with their Special Education director**.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Kristi-Jo Preston at kristijo.preston@la.gov.

Special Education Reporting (SER) System Enhancements

Please forward to all LEA SER coordinators.

The Department will hold a webinar on **Wednesday, May 20 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** to review all SER System Enhancements and answer questions on new policy changes related to Acts 833 and 837 and LAA1.

Topics will include:

- An overview of process changes post June 1, 2015 per Act 837
- A look at required system changes, including next steps
- Act 833 and LAA1 Graduates

Webinar Login Information: (*No pre-registration required)

- Meeting Name: Unique ID File Format Release
- Click [here](#) to join the meeting or go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/dcw/>
- Enter meeting room as a **guest** and provide your **name**
- Audio access: Login to webinar and choose **listen only** option.

For more information, contact SystemSupport@la.gov.

Louisiana Secure ID Training Follow Up Webinars

The Department conducted trainings in six regions on using the new unique student identifier system, Louisiana Secure ID. As a follow up to these trainings, the Department will host two webinars during which training participants will get information on frequently asked questions and have the opportunity to ask questions. Participants who previously attended the regional trainings can register at the following links:

- **May 20 at 2:00 p.m.:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1338063136636425729>
- **May 27 at 1:00 p.m.:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7419350899191146497>

For more information, contact Elizabeth Laird at Elizabeth.Laird@la.gov.

Special Education

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

LEAs can select up to ten representatives to attend the training and should plan to attend on each day. LEA representatives can register on [Coursewhere](#) or go directly to this link: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/l DOE/cw/showcourse.asp?4201>.

Finance

Annual Financial Report Changes for Fiscal Year 2015

Please forward to all LEA AFR coordinators.

The Department will host a webinar on **Wednesday, May 27 from 10:00 a.m -11:00 a.m.** to discuss the keypunch code updates for Fiscal Year 2015. Participants will be provided with the updated key punch codes, documents, and FileBuilder program.

Webinar Login Information: (*No pre-registration required)

- o Meeting Name: **Unique ID File Format Release**
- o Click [here](#) to join the meeting or go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/dcw/>
- o Enter meeting room as a **guest** and provide your **name**
- o Audio access: Login to webinar and choose **listen only** option.

For more information, contact Miao.Cao@la.gov.

FY2014-15 Projected Local Revenue Data

Please forward to business managers and superintendents of city/parish school systems.

In order to complete the FY2015-16 MFP calculations for charter schools, projected FY2014-15 local revenue data (and expenditures related to the collection of the revenue) must be submitted to the Department by each city/parish school district. New this year, the FY2014-15 local revenue data is being collected through the LEADS portal in a format similar to the AFR collection process, rather than through a survey. Step by step instructions for submitting

your data through LEADS are provided [here](#). A list of the required keypunch codes is provided [here](#). This data is to be submitted no later than **Friday, May 22, 2015**. The LEADS portal is currently open and will remain open through Friday, May 22.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jonathan Pitre at 225-342-6216, or via e-mail at jonathan.pitre@la.gov.

Grant Opportunities

Grant Claim Submission Deadline for FY15

Final claim submission deadlines **for awards ending June 30** are listed below. These include claims submitted through eGMS as well as paper claims, purchase orders, and contracts. All requests for funds must include goods and services **received by June 30**.

Deadlines:

- **CCDF claims due:** July 7
- **8 (g) claims due:** July 8
- **TANF claims due:** July 7
- **Perkins claims due:** July 7
- **Federal claims due:** July 15
- **State claims due:** July 15

All claims for reimbursement with supporting documentation must be emailed to ldoe.federalclaims@la.gov or ldoe.stateclaims@la.gov. **(Please do NOT mail or fax claims.)**

FY 14-15 eGMS Applications Update

The last day to submit amendments for the applications listed below will be **Monday June 1, 2015**.

- IDEA Consolidated Application
- NCLB Consolidated Application
- Jobs for America's Graduates - LA
- JAG - Aim High! Middle School Pilot Project
- LA Assistive Technology Initiative
- Carl Perkins
- Early Childhood Community Network Pilots
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Program
- State Personnel Development Grant
- The Cecil J Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program

For any fiscal related questions, you may contact Kim Lamonte at kim.lamonte@la.gov. Program related questions should be directed to your Program Point of Contact.

2015-2016 NCLB Consolidated and IDEA Consolidated eGrant Releases

The Louisiana Department of Education has released the **NCLB Consolidated and IDEA Consolidated eGrants** for the 2015-2016SY on May 18, 2015. These applications are due by **Wednesday, June 24, 2015**.

If technical assistance is needed, please contact your point of contact ([POC](#)).

Other

2015 Jobs for America's Graduate (JAG) National Training Seminar

The 32nd Annual National Training Seminar (NTS), an annual professional development opportunity for the **JAG** National Network, will be held July 15-17, 2015 in New Orleans. A Pre-NTS Professional Development Workshop will be held July 13-15. All JAG-LA specialists should make plans to attend the three-day Training Seminar. JAG supervisors are invited to attend and learn more about the national program. Be early for the Opening Session. **JAG-Louisiana** is well known for its hospitality and memorable Mardi Gras-style paradeto welcome NTS delegates. Click <http://www.jag.org/node/378> to register.

JAG is a component of Jump Start Pathways. Jump Start collaborates with school districts to provide career courses and workplace experiences for high school students.

Education in the News

[Common Core compromise bill passes Louisiana House Education Committee](#)

[Child care: Local centers prepare for new rules](#)

[Live Oak High principal promoted, Students of the Year honored](#)

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