

Believe & PREPARE

PREPARING LOUISIANA'S NEXT GENERATION EDUCATORS

May 2019



Emani Flowers, a Relay New Orleans resident, loves working with her tenacious students. “I am aware that my students experience adversity every day and are at some disadvantages in education, but they never give up,” says Flowers. “We overcome challenges together.”

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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- June 14: Deadline to [register for Teacher Leader Summit](#) at regular registration rate

BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

2019 TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT: REGISTER NOW

The [session list](#) for the 2019 Teacher Leader Summit (TLS) is now available for review, and the 2019 Teacher Leader Summit App is available for download. Please follow the [instructions for downloading the app](#), or search for the app in the app store under “2019 Teacher Leader Summit.”

This year, registered participants will be able to build their schedule and reserve seats for all sessions in advance of the event. **Registrants are strongly encouraged to download the app to reserve a seat in the sessions of their choice as soon as possible, as they are available on a first come, first served basis.**

As you register for sessions, please refer to the [2019 TLS Overview for Preparation Providers](#), which identifies sessions recommended for preparation providers. Program leaders have received a special invitation to Summit via email. This invitation allows program leaders to attend Summit at no charge.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY WEBINAR

Please join us for the next preparation provider monthly webinar scheduled for **May 29, 2019, at 3:00 pm**. All preparation provider leaders and faculty members are welcome to join.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, May 29; 3:00-4:00 pm
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with questions.

LOUISIANA IMPACT COLLABORATIVE

Throughout this school year, the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana Monroe, and University of New Orleans have participated in the Louisiana Believe and Prepare Impact Collaborative. Teams from these preparation programs have focused on using data to increase candidate learning in either English or Math. **Participants will engage in their final in-person meeting May 22 - 23** to share their accomplishments and key learnings with one another. More information about the Collaborative will be provided at the Teacher Leader Summit in [session P001: Key Learnings from the Louisiana Impact Collaborative](#).

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TEACHER AND LEADER PIPELINE

MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

The Department received over 1,000 nominations for Mentor Teacher training. School systems will receive confirmation in mid-May of which nominees have been selected for training. Mentor Teacher training will begin in June 2019 and conclude in February 2020. Exact dates for various cohorts can be located in the nomination template in the [Mentor Teacher library](#).

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

EDUCATOR WORKFORCE REPORTING

In March, the Department released several sections of the **2018-2019 District and Regional Educator Workforce Reports in the [secure portal](#)**, including information about workforce needs, workforce support (e.g., value-added and compensation information), and equity.

This month, the Department will release data on recruiting, hiring, retention, and placement.

The data in these reports will enable school and school system leaders to make critical decisions around the following areas:

- Recruiting and hiring
- Retention, promotion, and granting tenure
- Compensation
- Evaluating results

The data will also be used to identify workforce needs in order to develop strategic partnerships with teacher preparation providers that meet these needs. During the [2019 Teacher Leader Summit](#), the Department will offer sessions on how to use the secure site to access to understand educator workforce data and to **inform partnerships with teacher preparation providers.**

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TEACHER PREPARATION ACCOUNTABILITY

ON-SITE REVIEW WORKGROUP

The Department is reconvening the On-Site Review Workgroup, which is dedicated to considering adjustments to the on-site review framework and process. Twenty-one providers expressed interest in participating in this workgroup. The group will also include representatives from the Board of Regents (BoR), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the Department, and school systems, as well as representatives from Class Measures and TPI-US. The workgroup's first meeting will be held on May 14 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge.

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TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

REQUESTS TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs that result in initial certification must follow the process outlined below. Preparation providers must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI), and once that is received, the Department will send a link to the application.

Current and new providers may access resources available on the [Department's website](#) via the [Preparation Library](#).

Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
11/16/2018	12/14/2018	1/4/2019-3/15/2019	3/18/2019	4/17/2019
7/1/2019	8/1/2019	8/1/2019-9/13/2019	9/13/2019	10/15/2019
11/22/2019	12/20/2019	1/10/2020-3/20/2020	3/20/2020	4/20/2020
6/12/2020	7/10/2020	7/10/2020-9/11/2020	9/11/2020	10/13/2020

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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2020 TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Last month, the Department announced the [2020 Teacher and Principal of the Year semi-finalists](#). These educators are making exceptional gains with students. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana's teaching profession.

All Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists and semi-finalists will be honored at the [13th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala](#) on Friday, July 19, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.