

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: May 27, 2025

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Message from the State Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

[Statewide results from the end-of-year literacy screener](#) show continued reading progress for K–3 students. This year, we saw a 17-point increase in the percentage of students reading on grade level compared to the beginning of the school year. Compared to last year’s end-of-year data, K–3 students improved by nine points.

These outcomes reflect the impact of strong teaching, sound policy, and strategic investments. School system-level data will be shared with you soon, ahead of public release.

Thank you for your continued leadership,

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [May 28 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [June 3 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [June 3 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [June 5 at 8 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call: [June 12 at 9 a.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [June 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [June 26 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Office Hours: [July 8 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [July 9 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [July 17 at 3 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Pre-Educator Development and Expansion Funding Application Deadline: [May 30](#)
- SFA Summer Feeding Site Application Deadline: May 31
- Local Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Submission Deadline: May 31
- Counselor Survey Submission Deadline: [June 1](#)

- 2025 Teacher Leader Summit, New Orleans: [June 10-12](#)
- Novice Principal Academy Application Deadline: [July 7](#)
- Special Education Parent Summit, Baton Rouge: [July 21](#)
- Principal Bootcamp Application Deadline: [September 8](#)

Teaching and Learning

Diverse Learners

2024-2025 Seclusion and Restraint Verification Report

Please share with special education leaders.

The LDOE is required to collect and report annual data on the use of seclusion and restraint for students with disabilities. The draft data for the 2024-2025 school year report will be available in the DM FTP the week of June 2. Please verify that the data is accurate, as these counts will be used to run the analysis and data disaggregation for the public report. If the data does not accurately reflect seclusions and restraints in your school system for the 2024-2025 school year, update the information in SER. Submit a new seclusion and restraint handbook if your LEA revised a previously submitted handbook to specialeducation@la.gov. All updates in SER need to be completed, and any new or revised policy must be submitted by July 1 to be reflected in the final report.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

Mentor Teacher Waiver Portal Closing

Please share with principals and system leads.

The 2024-2025 Mentor Credential Waiver Portal and the 2024-2025 Alternate Mentor Credential Waiver Portal will close on June 12. To ensure proper certification and funding, please make sure all applications have been submitted and notification of those approvals has been received.

The 2025-2026 Mentor Credential Waiver Portal and the Alternate Mentor Credential Waiver Portal is scheduled to open in early August 2026.

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.

School Improvement

System Leader Regional Collaborations Registration

Please share with system leaders.

[Registration](#) is now open for 2024-2025 [System Leader Regional Collaborations](#). System leaders may register for the appropriate learning pathway based on their professional role. Participants should plan to attend all sessions with other participants from their system throughout the year. Each system is asked to have representation in each pathway. The learning pathways and intended participants are:

- **Instructional Coherence:** CAOs, Supervisors of Instruction, PD Directors, SPED Directors
- **Leadership Capacity Building:** Principal Supervisors/Evaluators
- **System Coherence:** Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents
- **Attendance:** Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisors, Student Services Leaders
- **High School Opportunities:** Career and Technical Education Supervisors
- **Business Managers Collaboration:** Business Managers

These half-day afternoon collaborations will be held in five regions across the state from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for the **High School Opportunities** pathway, which will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please see the [System Leader Regional Collaborations Overview](#) for complete pathway descriptions, session dates, venue locations, and registration information.

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.

2025-2026 School Support Institutes Registration

Please share with educators, school leaders, system administrators, and system leaders.

[Registration](#) is open until July 1 for [School Support Institutes 2025-2026](#). Principals of CIR schools should register themselves and two additional ILT members. System leaders who support CIR schools and/or supervise principals of attending schools are encouraged to attend SSI with their school teams. School Support Institutes will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in five cohort locations around the state. Venue locations and cohort assignments can be found on the [School Support Institutes 2025-2026 overview document](#).

Please contact SSIsupport@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit Session Registration Open

Please share with educators, school leaders, system administrators, and system leaders.

Session registration for Teacher Leader Summit 2025 is now open. To register for sessions, attendees must download and log into the Cvent app.

How to access the [Cvent app](#):



- Step 1: **Scan the QR code** above using your preferred mobile device. First time users will be prompted to download the Cvent app.
- Step 2: Enter the **Event ID: ECvFbTLS2025**
- Step 3: Log in using the attendee's first name, last name, and email ID. A 6-digit verification code will be sent to the registered email. Enter the code to complete the login and access the app.

If attendees are unable to access the app, utilize the registration portal provided in the email confirmation. Log back in by clicking on the "Already Registered" link from the banner. Enter the confirmation number and email ID. Click on the "Modify" button, and then add sessions via the registration process.

If sessions are full, a waitlist will be created. To be added to a waitlist, log in to the email confirmation, find the session of choice, and select "Join Waitlist." Attendees can only be added to a waitlist from the registration page.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Education Excellence Fund (EEF) 6/30 Periodic Expense Report (PER) Submissions

Please share with business managers, EEF coordinators, school leaders, and superintendents.

The eGMS system is open to begin submitting EEF 6/30 PERs. Schools or agencies that received a payment from the 2024-2025 Education Excellence Fund (EEF) this year are advised of the following important dates:

- **May 30:** Final Date for EEF Amendments
- **June 30:** Deadline for EEF Recipients to Obligate EEF Funds
- **July 15:** Deadline for EEF Recipients to Submit Final 6/30 PERs

The Final PERs are used to calculate EEF allocations for the following year. If the Final PER is not submitted by July 15, EEF recipients may experience delays in accessing their EEF funds for 2025-2026.

When finalizing the PER, navigate to the first tab, "Expenditure Obligation Summary," and locate the "Final Expenditure" checkbox at the bottom. Ensure this box is checked. Failing to do so will prevent the PER from being reported as final, necessitating corrections and resubmission.

For assistance in preparing Final 6/30 PERs for EEF, see the Training section on the eGMS Log-On page, Tips & Reminders: Preparing the Periodic Expense Report (PER).

Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

DRC Student Corrections Online Clean Up

Please share with school leaders and testing coordinators.

DRC INSIGHT will open for student corrections on June 3-6. This process will provide schools and systems with the second of three opportunities to apply documented accountability codes for students who did not participate in the spring administration of LEAP 2025.

This correction process will be limited to application of codes for impending zeros and limited demographic corrections. The LDOE will host a training for district test coordinators via the previously provided link.

There will be no possibility of extending this opportunity. In August, school systems will have their third and final opportunity to request application of accountability codes, as well as requests for some other fields used in accountability, during assessment data certification hosted in La Data Review.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

K-3 Literacy Summer Screening

Please share with school test coordinators and school leaders.

The mCLASS system will close on June 30 for additional summer screening for students in grade 3 who scored Well Below at the end of the year and are at risk of being retained. Only two invalidations can be applied per student in this summer window.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

Counselor Survey

Please share with school counselors.

The [Counselor Survey](#) includes an opportunity to share how the LDOE can support school counselors with work-based learning, internships, key funding sources, course choice, and more. The deadline to complete the survey by June 1.

Please contact candace.joseph@la.gov with questions.

School Choice

Charter Schools

BESE-Authorized Charter School Submissions

Please share with BESE-authorized charter schools and system leaders.

Refer to the [2024-2025 Charter School Reporting Calendar](#) for important accountability, financial, and data items due in June.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.