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Message from the State Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to the more than 7,000 educators who joined us in New Orleans last week for [Teacher Leader Summit](#). Your energy, passion, and dedication made this our most successful Summit to date — a fitting close to what has been a historic year for Louisiana education.

This year's theme, *A New Story for Louisiana Education*, came to life in every session and hallway conversation. [As captured in this video from our opening session](#), that story is being written every day by Louisiana teachers. We are now the most rapidly improving state in the nation for K-12 education, and the rest of the country is taking notice.

This is also a story we all need to tell. The next time someone repeats the old story, speak up. Let them know that the story has changed and Louisiana education is leading the way.

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [June 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Monthly Call: [June 18 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [June 19 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [June 25 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Principal's Webinar: [June 30 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [July 1 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [July 3 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Office Hours: [July 8 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [July 9 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [July 17 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [July 17 at 3 p.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [August 1 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [August 7 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Early Childhood Provider Update Monthly Webinar: [August 7 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Novice Principal Academy Application Deadline: [July 7](#)
- New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick-Off Registration Deadline: [July 16](#)
- Special Education Parent Summit, Baton Rouge: [July 21](#)
- New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick Off: July 24
- School Food Service Manager Training: [July 28-30](#)
- Connecting the Dots: Updated Work-Based Learning Policy Webinar: [July 29 at 11 a.m.](#)
- Early Childhood Conference (Baton Rouge) Registration Deadline: [August 6](#)
- Principal Bootcamp Application Deadline: [September 8](#)

Teaching and Learning

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

Online Certification Portal Change

Please share with human resources supervisors.

Effective June 16, the link to the online certification portal has changed. Please update bookmarks, favorites, or saved links to the following URL: <https://ldoe.my.site.com/s/>.

Please contact rachel.normand@la.gov with questions.

Literacy

Dyslexia 101 Unpacked: Building Awareness and Action in Education

Please share with school leaders, system leaders, and teachers.

Registration is now open for Dyslexia 101 Unpacked: Building Awareness and Action in Education. This impactful professional learning session is designed to enhance educators' understanding of dyslexia and provide practical strategies to support all learners. Multiple sessions are available at various locations statewide.

Training dates, locations, and registration links may be found on the [Dyslexia Awareness Training flyer](#). Seats are limited, and early registration is encouraged.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Louisiana Launches New Statewide Attendance Strategy and Resource Hub

Please share with child welfare and attendance coordinators, principals, and superintendents.

The LDOE has launched [The Power of Presence](#), a bold new strategy to help schools and systems address chronic absenteeism and improve student outcomes across the state.

The Power of Presence provides a comprehensive framework grounded in prevention, intervention, and community partnership. It offers clear definitions, actionable steps, and a tiered system of support designed to help schools remove barriers to attendance and connect every student with the resources they need to succeed.

In tandem with the release of the strategy, LDOE has also unveiled a new [student attendance landing page](#) housed under School System Resources. This online hub gives school and system leaders fast access to guidance documents, data tools, customizable templates, and legal references — all in one place.

This initiative is part of the state's ongoing commitment to accelerating learning and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to be present, prepared, and on a path to success.

Please contact attendance@la.gov with questions.

Louisiana Elementary and Secondary Education Act Fiscal Flexibility Waiver Request

Please share with business managers, federal program directors, financial officials, and superintendents.

The LDOE has requested that the U.S. Department of Education (ED) approve its tidings waiver to receive the opportunity to access additional flexibilities for certain funds received under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

In recent communication received from ED, the requested ESEA Waiver has been approved. This waiver includes flexibility for carryover limitation on FY 2024 Title I Part A funds, period of availability of FY2023 funds for Title I Part A, B, C, and D; Title II Part A, Title III Part A, Title IV Part A and B; and Title V Part B Subpart 2. For additional information regarding the recently approved waiver, please review the [FY23 ESEA Waiver](#).

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

School Choice

Charter Schools

Mid-Year 2025-2026 RFA Application Cycle

Please share with school and system leaders.

The mid-year 2025-2026 RFA Application Cycle opened on June 11. The mid-year application process is for any applicant team whose application was denied by a local board during the 2024-2025 RFA cycle, which had not applied for a Type 2 or 4 during the Annual BESE cycle or any Corporate Charter.

Mid-Year 2025-2026 New Charter School Request for Applications Timeline:

- **June 11:** LDOE Application Window Open for Types 2 and 4 Charters
- **June 30:** Letter of Intent Due to the LDOE by 5 p.m.
- **July 7:** Eligibility Determination Forms Due by 5 p.m.
- **July 18:** Full Application for Types 2 and 4 Charter Applicants Due by 5 p.m.

BESE will consider applications for new charter schools from Type 2 and Type 4 applicants at their December 9 meeting.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

FY 25 Fiscal Year End Deadlines

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

To ensure all FY 2024–2025 grant funding is properly utilized, the LDOE has established the following claim deadlines. **Failure to meet these deadlines risks funding availability for school systems and schools.** Please note that the LDOE cannot guarantee the payment of late reimbursements or claims.

Upcoming Claim Deadlines:

- **June 19:** 8(g) claims due in eGMS
- **July 7:** Carl Perkins claims for June expenses due in eGMS
- **July 15:** Claims for all other state and federal awards (excluding 8(g) and Carl Perkins) with an end date of June 30 due in eGMS

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

Lead School Business Administrator Certification Requirements

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

Lead School Business Administrator Certification requirements contained in Bulletin 1929, *Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook*, were amended by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to incorporate the charter school business administrator credential requirements adopted in Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*, and to revise the local school district and charter school business administrator credential, reducing the number of years from **seven to four** for earning the mandatory certification while employed as the lead school business administrator. Effective July 1, all school business officials within all school systems must become certified as an administrator within four years of being employed as the lead school business administrator.

Please contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.