LDOE Weekly Newsletter: November 10, 2026

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Message from the State Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

School and district performance scores for the 2025-2026 school year will be released to the public on December 1 at 11 a.m. These will be the first official scores under our revised accountability system, Grow. Achieve. Thrive.

These scores set a new baseline and are not directly comparable to previous years' scores. The revised system raises student expectations, makes it easier for the public to understand a school's academic performance, and emphasizes giving students a head start on a career or college. It's a higher bar, but one worth meeting. I look forward to seeing Louisiana students, schools, and systems grow.

We released a communications toolkit with optional resources and templates that may be helpful as you prepare for the first scores under the revised system.

For the first time, Louisiana's accountability system will also recognize students for enlisting in military service. That seems fitting this week as we celebrate Veterans Day. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who have served and continue to serve our nation, especially the many veterans now serving Louisiana students.

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- EdTech Monthly Call: November 12 at 9 a.m.
- Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call: November 17 at 3 p.m.
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: November 19 at 10 a.m.
- K-3 Numeracy Screener Webinar: November 19 at 10 a.m.
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: November 19 at 3 p.m.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- 2027-2028 Super App Virtual Launch: November 12 at 10 a.m.
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program applications due: November 13

View our School System Support Calendar for the full schedule.

Executive

December 4 System Leaders Monthly Call

Please share with system leaders.

The next System Leaders Monthly Call will be on Friday, December 4 at 9 a.m. This call includes high-level updates from LDOE leadership.

System Leaders Monthly Call Access Information

- **Zoom link:** https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97414303532?pwd=a8GejFUs1MJmUcbmHsilz92zH8ge6c.1
- **Passcode:** 580346
- **Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 974 1430 3532

Please contact courtney.greathouse@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Computer Science Technology Assistance Grant (CSTAG) Application Now Open

Please share with CTE supervisors, STEM supervisors, and system leaders.

School systems are invited to apply for the 2027-2028 Computer Science Technology Assistance Grant (CSTAG). Funding of up to $40,000 per school system is available to support K-12 computer science instruction and teacher preparation. Grant applications for the 2027-2028 school year are available now via Super App.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Social Studies Communities of Practice

Please share with curriculum supervisors, school leaders, and social studies teachers.

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is launching two social studies Communities of Practice (CoPs) focused on implementing daily K-2 social studies instruction and the new U.S. History curriculum, Land of Liberty: The History of the United States. These CoPs will provide a platform for sharing best practices, developing new skills, and addressing challenges.

Interested social studies curriculum supervisors, school leaders, and social studies teachers should email socialstudies@la.gov by November 17 for more information, as spaces in these social studies CoPs are limited.

Please contact socialstudies@la.gov with questions.

Diverse Learners

2026-2027 Annual Dyslexia Reporting

Please share with special education leaders and 504 coordinators.

State law requires each public school governing authority to report students identified with dyslexia to the LDOE by December 15 each year. Report by grade the total number of students with dyslexia and the number first identified during the 2025-2026 school year, with separate counts for students with a Section 504 plan and students with an individualized education program (IEP) for a specific learning disability, dyslexia. For any grade with one to ten students, report "fewer than eleven" instead of the exact number. Submit counts through the dyslexia reporting form October 1 through December 15. Dyslexia reporting guidance is available in the Students with Disabilities Library.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

Pre-Educator Pathway Curriculum Deep Dive Virtual Training

Please share with pre-educator teacher leaders.

Join us for a virtual training designed to explore the LDOE's Aspiring Educators: Shaping Louisiana's Future curriculum for the pre-educator pathway courses. Participants will gain a deep understanding and leave prepared to implement the two course offerings: Foundations of Education and Learning Communities.

Please email louisianaleaders@la.gov to confirm attendance and receive information and support materials for the session.

- Foundations of Education will take place on December 10 from 8 to 11 a.m.
- Learning Communities will take place on December 10 from noon to 3 p.m.

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.

Numeracy

K-3 Numeracy Screener Webinar

Please share with math educators, school and system leaders.

The LDOE will host the next monthly webinar in the K-3 Numeracy Screener series on November 19 at 10 a.m. Participants will explore how to gather evidence of student numeracy understanding by looking deeply into student work samples. Participants will also explore how to use this new evidence to refine their instructional responses. Monthly webinar details can be found within the K-3 Numeracy Screener Response Toolkit.

Please contact math@la.gov with questions.

Operations and Federal Programs

Extended Deadline: Federal eGMS Reimbursement Claims and Periodic Expenditure Reports (PERs)

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

New Deadline: December 4, 2026

The deadline for LEAs to submit eGMS Reimbursement Claims and Periodic Expenditure Reports (PERs) for all federal funding with an availability end date of September 30, 2026, has been extended to December 4, 2026. The LDOE is working with the Office of Technology Services (OTS) to resolve a technical issue affecting website access. Website access will be restored as soon as the issue is resolved.

The extended deadline provides LEAs additional time to complete required submissions. All reimbursement claims and PERs must be submitted by December 4, 2026.

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

TIA and TID Data Submission

Please share with federal program directors.

The LDOE is required to report student participation data for Title I, Part A and Title I, Part D in the Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR). This information will be collected through the eGMS system. All state agencies, local education agencies (LEAs), and charter schools receiving Title I, Part A funds are required to complete this data submission. The eGMS system is now available for applicants to create an application and submit the required information on or before January 8, 2027.

The annual count for Title I, Part D will be collected through the Title I, Part A and D application in eGMS (Annual Count tab), school year 2026. This count will be used to determine funding allocations for facilities serving neglected and delinquent students under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In addition to completing the

Annual Count tab, eligible agencies must also complete the applicable tabs for the Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR). Please note that the data reported in the CSPR tabs must reflect school year 2025 (SY 2025). This reporting request applies only to State Agencies and School Systems receiving Title I, Part D funds.

Please contact edeltress.brown@la.gov with questions.

School System Planning

2027-2028 Super App Launch

Please share with federal program directors.

The 2027-2028 Next Level Vision for Success School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook, including 2027-2028 Super App questions, was released on October 29. For those who were unable to attend the in-person launch, a virtual launch will be held on November 12 at 10 a.m. Additionally, the launch deck is now available.

Please contact LDOEOperations@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

K-3 Literacy and Numeracy Screening

Please share with testing coordinators and school leaders.

State law requires public schools to screen students in kindergarten through grade 3 in literacy and numeracy in December. Students with dyslexia are not required to take the literacy screener. Given the limited number of days students attend in December, school systems should prioritize this screening. Department staff will be visiting selected schools in the state for monitoring.

Information regarding administration is shared weekly with district test coordinators on DTC calls every Tuesday afternoon. Test coordinator and test administrator manuals are now available on screener webpages.

- Literacy Screener
- KITE Louisiana

The admin portals are now open for school test coordinators to place students in classes for testing. District test coordinators must submit the Middle-of-Year (MOY) schedule for both screenings using the template provided to them by the Office of Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics.

Students who are eligible for participation in alternate assessment, based on documentation on a current IEP in eSER, must participate in the Literacy LAAR and the Numeracy NAAR or the regular screener. Test administrators must enter the score from the alternate forms of the screener into the appropriate screening online platform using the guidance provided in the testing manuals.

Remote screening is available for all grade levels for MOY, and the decks required for remote administration will be posted by November 16 on the screener webpages.

- Literacy Screener
- Numeracy Screener

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

ACT Hosting Accommodation Office Hours

Please share with testing coordinators and school leaders.

Interested testing coordinators should register for accommodations office hours hosted by ACT, which will also be available on demand. By December 11, testing coordinators should complete the following:

- Select test and shipping dates
- Verify shipping address
- Create user accounts and invite users for online testing only
- Submit the Address Change Request Form if address needs to be changed in PearsonAccessnext

Interested coordinators may register for a test administration webinar and Q&A on November 17 hosted by the ACT.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Final Reminder: Assessment Development Committees

Please share with system leaders and educators.

Interested educators should access the Assessment Development Educator Review Committees document for information. The deadline to complete the application is November 16.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Grow. Achieve. Thrive. Communications Toolkit

Please share with school system leaders, school leaders, and communications staff.

The LDOE and the Louisiana School Public Relations Association (LASPRA) developed a communications toolkit to help schools and school systems plan for the release of 2026 school performance scores on December 1 at 11 a.m. This optional resource explains what changed and why, walks through the scorecard, and lays out a timeline for the weeks before and after the release. It includes templates for family letters, newsletters, websites, staff briefings, and release-day statements. Each template is also available as an editable Word document.

Please contact ted.beasley@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

Alternative Education (AE) Submission Portal Opens December 1

Please share with school system leaders and AE site supervisors.

The 2027-2028 AE Submission Portal opens December 1. All school systems must use the portal to verify, establish, or update AE sites.

Authorization Timeline:

- December 1: 2027-2028 AE Submission Portal opens
- January 29: Submission portal closes
- February 1-5: Interviews for 2027-2028 new site authorization
- April 13-14: AE Site Recommendations presented to BESE

Please contact tiffany.thomas@la.gov with questions.

Career Coaches and Career Coach Vendors

Please share with school system leaders, CTE supervisors, administrators, and school counselors.

As a result of Act 413 (2026), the LDOE will publish a list of career coach vendors that school systems may use starting January 2027 on the Professional Learning Partner Guide.A second vendor application period is open through November 20 on the LDOE Request for Applications (RFA) platform.

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

Become an AP Reader

Please share with teachers, school counselors, and testing coordinators.

At the annual AP Reading, AP teachers and college faculty score student responses from AP Exams. Readers gain a detailed understanding of the exam that they can apply to their own students' work. College Board is accepting applications now.

Please contact fhorge@collegeboard.org with questions.

Fall 2026 Counselor Institute Sessions

Please share with school counselors and administrators.

Thank you to all who attended the Fall 2026 Counselor Institute sessions regarding topics and updates from the 2026 Legislative Session, course requirements, Safe and Healthy Schools, and Course Choice. The slide deck and resources are available on the Counselor Support page under the Counselor Institute tab.

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

School Choice

Nonpublic Schools

2026-2027 Scholarship Schools' Assessment Selection

Please share with LA GATOR and TDC schools.

The 2026-2027 Scholarship Schools' Assessment Selection is due Monday, November 30, 2026. Please complete the Schools Assessment Selection form.

Please contact lagator@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

FY 2026-2027 General Fund Budget Approval Listing

Please share with business managers and school financial officials.

The FY 2026-2027 Approved General Fund Budget Listing, which has been compiled in accordance with La. R. S. 17:88, is available for reference via the Business Manager Support Library.

Please contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2025-2026 Fiscal Risk Assessment (FRA) Reports

Please share with business managers and school financial officials.

The FY 2025-2026 Fiscal Risk Assessment, which includes financial data reported and independent audit information for FY 2024-2025, is available for each school system in the EdFin FTP Portal. Please review the preliminary data and information in the assessment and submit any concerns or questions by the close of business on November 24. The data in the EdFin FTP Portal will be considered final after this date.

Systems identified as being in corrective action or in monitor were notified by November 10. The Fiscal Risk Assessment results will be presented to BESE during the December meeting.

Please contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

School System Relations

Teacher and Principal of the Year Application Online Portals Opening

Please share with educators, school and school system leaders.

The online portals for coordinators and state-level applicants for Teacher and Principal of the Year will open on November 17. All application materials and links to the online portals are available on the Staff and Educator Awards page.

All school systems are encouraged to select up to three teachers and three principals, one per division (elementary, middle, and high), as their local-level honorees and submit these selections to the state process.

State-level applications are due by January 14 and must be submitted via the online application portal.

To support candidates and coordinators in using the online portals, we will host the following informational webinars:

Teacher and Principal of the Year Coordinators Webinar:
Webinar Date and Time: November 17 at 10 a.m.
Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/91064100467?pwd=zN2tawG5LjcdcG5b0KEbqvCQcp9pEx.1
Webinar Phone Number: 346-248-7799
Meeting ID#: 910 6410 0467
Passcode: 365904

Teacher and Principal of the Year Candidates/Coordinators Webinar:
Webinar Date and Time: November 17 at 4 p.m.
Webinar Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93156359362?pwd=Bj9T302bJMTHTyThz6v9QSfKkaunC3.1
Webinar Phone Number: 346-248-7799
Meeting ID#: 931 5635 9362
Passcode: 395143

The dates and times of future webinars are listed in the Zoom Details for Candidates and Stakeholders document.

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.