

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: March 24, 2026

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Message from the State Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

I'm excited to share that LSU women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey will serve as the keynote speaker for Teacher Leader Summit 2026.

As a Hammond High School and Louisiana Tech University alumna and a native of Tickfaw, Coach Mulkey is a championship leader with deep Louisiana roots. I know her message will reinforce the value of discipline, preparation, and high expectations – the same qualities Louisiana educators bring to their work every day.

If you haven't done so already, make plans to join us May 26-28 in New Orleans. Regular registration is open until April 12, or until capacity is reached. You can learn more and register on our [Teacher Leader Summit 2026 event page](#).

Louisiana has made historic academic progress in recent years, and Teacher Leader Summit is an opportunity to build on that momentum. The work is not done, and this event helps equip educators to keep pushing for even stronger results for students.

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [March 25 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [March 25 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [March 26 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [April 2 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [April 7 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Alternative Education Monthly Call: [April 9 at 10 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [April 10 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [April 14 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Office Hours: [April 16 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: [April 16 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [April 16 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [April 20 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call: [April 22 at 2 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Spring 2026 Counselor Institute (Calcasieu Parish): [March 27](#)
- Aspiring Principals Fellowship Applications Due: [April 1](#)
- Principals Survey in LES Due: April 2
- Teacher Leader Summit Registration Due: [April 12](#)
- Non-Congregate Feeding Site Requests Due: [April 13](#)
- Projected Local Revenue Data Survey Due: April 15
- Public Comment for 2026 K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for PE Due: [April 15 at 4 p.m.](#)
- Assessment Development Educator Review Committees Applications Due: [April 20](#)
- Science Leader Community of Practice Webinar: [April 22 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Portfolio Assessment Vendor Applications Due: [April 23](#)
- K-3 Literacy and Numeracy Screening Due: April 30
- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 1: [May 6 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 2: [May 8 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 3: [May 13 at 1:30 p.m.](#)
- Summer Feeding Applications Due: [May 18](#)

View our [School System Support Calendar](#) for the full schedule.

Teaching and Learning

Academic Content

Instructional Support: Instructional Materials Reviews

Please share with content supervisors, literacy coaches, numeracy coaches, and school leaders.

The LDOE conducts ongoing reviews of instructional materials to support school systems in adopting curricula in all core subjects. Newly rated Tier 1 materials are listed below. All tiered reviews can be found on the [annotated reviews](#) web page. The status of all instructional materials submissions can be found in the [weekly report](#).

- Great Minds PBC - Eureka Math Squared, Level PK, ECE Ages 4-5 (©2023)
- Frog Street Press, LLC - Frog Street Pre-K Louisiana, ECE Ages 4-5 (©2020)
- Frog Street Press, LLC - Frog Street Preschool Louisiana, ECE Age 3 (©2024)
- Carolina Biological Supply Company - OpenSciEd Carolina Certified Version, Physics (©2025)

Please contact louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

New Teacher Experience (NTE) Transitions to System-Based Model

Please share with system leaders, school leaders and HR directors.

Beginning in 2026–2027, Louisiana’s New Teacher Experience (NTE) will transition to a system-based [Train-the-Trainer model](#). Systems will send 2–4 facilitators to three required training days in June and November, then deliver all five NTE modules locally using LDOE materials. [Registration](#) is now open.

Please contact mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov with questions.

Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Portfolio Assessment Vendor Application Open

Please share with content leader providers and mentor teachers.

LDOE is seeking applications from qualified vendors to score portfolio assessments for the Mentor Teacher and Content Leader programs. Selected vendors will evaluate the portfolios of educators who complete an approved course of study, using LDOE-approved rubrics.

Scope of Work:

- Vendors may apply to assess Mentor Teacher Portfolios, Content Leader Portfolios, or both.
- Portfolios must be scored using the approved LDOE rubrics, following a required training provided/approved by LDOE to ensure fidelity, alignment, and inter-rater reliability.

The [application](#), which includes a list of required responsibilities, is due by **April 23** and selected vendors will be notified by **May 1**.

Please contact mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov with questions.

Aspiring Principal Fellowship Application Deadline April 1

Please share with system leaders, school leaders, and HR directors.

The year-long [Aspiring Principal Fellowship](#) is a leadership development program designed to prepare future school leaders to become principals. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in school visits with high-performing Louisiana principals, participate in collaborative learning aligned with state priorities, and gain job-embedded leadership experiences focused on developing their instructional leadership skills.

If you are ready to grow as a leader committed to improving student and teacher outcomes, we encourage you to apply by completing this [APF Application](#). The deadline to apply is **April 1**.

For additional information, please refer to the [APF Overview document](#).

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.

Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy

Please share with pre-educator system leads and teachers.

[Applications](#) are now open for the one-of-a-kind, five-day, hybrid summer camp and professional learning experience. Open to 100 high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or any other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators. The Academy will be held **July 13-17** at Louisiana State University.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

LEADS Principal Survey

Please share with human resource directors, school leaders, and systems leaders.

As the Principal Survey window closes on **April 2**, educators who have not yet participated are encouraged to take a few minutes to submit feedback for their school's principal. This survey offers an important opportunity for teachers to share insights on principal impact as part of the evaluation process.

Please note that surveys cannot be edited or resubmitted once submitted. To support participation, the [Principal Survey Guide for Educators](#) is available to support completion. Additionally, the [Best Practices for Administering the Principal Survey: A Guide for System Leaders](#) is available to guide system-level planning and administration.

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.

Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

LEAP Connect/ELPT/ELPT Connect

Please share with testing coordinators and school leaders.

The administration window for LEAP Connect, ELPT and ELPT Connect will close at the end of day on Friday, March 27. Please see important dates below.

- March 27: Apply non-participation codes for students who did not participate in testing and for whom there is documentation to support the code
- March 30: Submit all testing irregularity reports to assessment@la.gov
- March 31: ELPT Connect second scorer report due to assessment@la.gov
- May: Reports released to school systems

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Cameras in Testing Rooms

Please share with testing coordinators, school staff, and system leaders.

Please review the updated camera policy regarding cameras in testing rooms.

1. ACT strictly forbids the use of cameras in classrooms while administering ACT. Cameras should be turned off.
2. For LEAP, LEAP Connect, ELPT/ELPT Connect and K-3 screening,
 - a. In order to ensure compliance with department agreements to maintain the industry standard security on test items, no recording of items, derivatives of items, readings of items is permissible.
 - b. Any camera which records or broadcasts in any way which remains on during testing must be positioned in such a manner so that it is facing students such that any screen being used for the testing is not visible to the camera. If a student requires a test to be read aloud, the audio feature of the camera recording shall be turned off. As an alternative to turning off the audio feature of the camera, if a student requires a test to be read aloud, headphones with audio not accessible to the camera recording audio feature may be used or the student may be moved to an alternate location where audio recording does not occur.
 - c. Any video or audio recording of all or any part of any secure test item is a violation of the test security regulations in BESE Bulletin 118. A violation of the testing procedure will result in a void of the test results.
 - d. BESE and LDOE take violations of the regulations governing test security seriously. Any member of a local school district's staff who violates regulations governing test security may receive certification sanctions as set forth in BESE Bulletins 118 and 746, up to and including revocation of a staff member's certificate.
 - e. Disabling the audio recording for K-3 screening and ELPT/ELPT Connect applies only to external recording, and does not apply to audio recording required in the testing platform.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

Carl Perkins Grant Technical Assistance

Please share with CTE supervisors and federal grant specialists.

The LDOE will host a webinar to support systems in completing their Carl Perkins application for the upcoming school year. Assistance in completing the narratives and budget for the Carl Perkins section of the Super App will be available.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 21 at 9 a.m.
- **Webinar Link** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/94888006094>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 948 8800 6094

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

Projected Local Revenue Data Survey

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

In order to complete the FY 2026-2027 MFP calculations for charter schools, projected FY 2025-2026 local revenue data and expenditures related to the collection of the revenue must be submitted to the LDOE by each school district. The projected FY 2026-2027 local revenue data will be collected through the EdLinks Ops portal beginning on April 1. Please use the required template, available in the Business Manager Support Library, when submitting data to the portal. The deadline to submit this data is April 15.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

MFP - Career Development Fund (CDF) Final Allocation and Payments

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

The final MFP payments for FY 2025-2026 CDF allocations will be released by the LDOE by March 31. For more details, please refer to the CDF Guidance and Allocation document available in the MFP Library.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2025-2026 MFP Mid-Year Adjustments

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

The MFP Mid-Year Adjustment Calculations for FY 2025-2026 are posted in the MFP Library under the 2025-2026 MFP Budget Letter section.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) - March 2026 Update

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

Required annual adjustments to the FY2025-2026 MFP allocation have been completed, including the October and February student count mid-year adjustments and the calculation of the final Charter Per-Pupil amounts. These adjustments are reflected in the supporting documentation that will be provided in the LDOE's [Minimum Foundation Program Library](#).

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2025-2026 MFP Charter Per-Pupil Amounts

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

The final FY2025-2026 Charter Per-Pupil amounts have been completed, and supporting documents will be placed in the secure FTP folders. The local revenue representation per-pupil amount for charter schools is required to be updated from the initial to the final amount and used in the MFP formula allocation according to Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3995.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Proposed FY 2026-2027 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Formula

Please share with business managers and school business officials.

The FY2026-2027 proposed BESE adopted MFP resolution and formula was submitted to the Legislature on March 13. The proposed formula documents will be available in the LDOE's [Minimum Foundation Program Library](#).

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.