

LDOE Weekly Newsletter: April 14, 2026

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Attendance Office Hours: [April 16 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- Computer Science Office Hours: [April 16 at 10 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.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [April 22 at 1 p.m.](#)
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- Safe and Healthy Schools Monthly Call: [April 23 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [April 29 at 10 a.m.](#)
- System Leaders Monthly Call: [May 1 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [May 5 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Public Comment for 2026 K-12 Louisiana Student Standards for PE Due: [April 15 at 4 p.m.](#)
- Projected Local Revenue Data Survey Due: April 15
- Teacher Leader Summit Registration Due: [April 17 at 11:59 p.m.](#)
- Science Leader Community of Practice Webinar: [April 22 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Mentor Teacher and Content Leader Portfolio Assessment Vendor Application Due: [April 23](#)
- Spring 2026 Mentor and Resident Funding Call: [April 30 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Act 108 Collection Submission Due: [May 1](#)
- SPED Fellow Academy Applications Due: [May 1](#)
- 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](#)
- Recruitment and Retention Fellowship Applications Due: [June 26](#)

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

Teaching and Learning

Diverse Learners

SPED Fellow Academy Application

Please share with special education leaders, system leaders, and special education teachers.

The Division of Diverse Learners SPED Fellow Academy application for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. This

opportunity is designed for novice special education leaders who are eager to grow their leadership skills, enhance their expertise, and make a lasting impact in the field of special education.

The [application](#) will close **May 1**.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Dyslexia Core Assessment Program Sample At-Risk Letter

Please share with system and special education leaders.

School systems are required to notify parents within 30 days of a student being identified as at risk for dyslexia. The notification must inform parents of the at-risk determination and their option to request a Dyslexia Core Assessment through the LEA or an LDOE approved vendor. This sample at-risk letter is intended to serve as a guide for school systems.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov with questions.

Educator Talent and Workforce Development

End-of-Year Mentor and Resident Funding: Overview Call

Please share with data managers, finance managers, human resource managers, and system leaders.

Data collection for spring mentor compensation will take place during the 2025-2026 academic year. Please plan to attend this webinar for updated requirements for coding and reporting.

The Spring 2026 Mentor and Resident Funding call will also review the funding eligibility and process.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 30 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98394424582>
- **Meeting ID:** 983 9442 4582
- **Phone:** 470 381 2552

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Recruitment and Retention Fellowship Application

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

[Applications](#) are open until June 26 for the LDOE's year-long Recruitment and Retention Fellowship.

Fellows will collaborate with HR leaders statewide to improve workforce stability and student outcomes. Apply by completing the [application](#). Those interested can find more details in the [Recruitment and Retention Fellowship Overview](#).

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.

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.

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.

Literacy

Act 108 Collection Reminder

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

One provision of Act 108 requires LEAs to report the number of teachers and school administrators who have completed an LDOE-approved foundational literacy skills course. The superintendent, school system leader, or appointed designee may complete the [Jotform](#) for up to ten schools.

Please reuse the [Jotform](#) as needed to submit additional schools. Refer to the [Act 108 Reporting FAQ](#) document for additional information about the law and its reporting requirements. All submissions must be completed by May 1.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit Keynote Speaker and Registration Extended

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

LSU women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey will serve as the keynote speaker at Teacher Leader Summit 2026! A product of Hammond High School and Louisiana Tech University, Coach Mulkey is a championship-level leader who knows what it takes to build and sustain a culture of excellence. A native of Tickfaw, Louisiana, Mulkey's career is defined by high expectations, relentless preparation, and developing people - principles that mirror the work educators do every day to help students grow.

Registration has been extended! TLS is a great opportunity to engage in high-quality professional learning alongside educators from across Louisiana. Registration will close on April 17 at 11:59 p.m, so be sure to reserve your spot while space is still available. [Register](#) for TLS 2026 on our event website.

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.

Operations and Federal Programs

Communications

April System Leaders Monthly Call Recording

Please share with system leaders.

The System Leaders Monthly Call on April 10 was recorded due to some school systems being on break. A [video of the call](#) and the [presentation deck](#) are now available.

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

Nutrition

Summer EBT

Please share with Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

LEAs should be aware that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has developed a new Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) for the 2026 Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) program. Superintendents should have received this DSA directly from the LDH P-EBT Support email address (LDH.PEBTSupport@la.gov) on March 5. The purpose of this agreement is to securely share student eligibility data for free and reduced-price meals or other qualifying criteria, as required to determine SUN Bucks eligibility. All shared information will be handled in strict compliance with applicable federal

and state privacy laws and used solely for the administration of this program. LEAs can return the signed agreements using either DocuSign or a wet signature.

Please note, LDH has currently suspended data manager access to the Summer EBT portal for data uploads. Access will be reinstated only after the corresponding Data Sharing Agreement is fully executed by the LEA.

Please contact childnutritionprograms@la.gov or LDH.PEBTSupport@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 revenue must be submitted to the LDOE by each school district. The projected FY 2026-2027 local revenue data collection is now available via the EdLinks Ops portal. Please upload the required Local Revenue Data Survey Excel template, which is housed in the Business Manager Support Library, when submitting data via the portal. The deadline to submit the Projected Local Revenue Data Survey is April 15.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2025-2026 Agriculture Science Allocation

Please share with business managers and financial officials.

The FY 2025-2026 Agriculture Science allocation payments have been processed according to HB1 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature. Please refer to the [guidance document](#) for information regarding the allocation that was recently released to school systems.

Please contact ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Fiscal Requirements

Please share with business managers and financial officials.

An annual assessment of school systems' ability to meet the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements is an integral part of the business process to confirm compliance and determine eligibility for federal grant funding for ESSA and IDEA. The USDOE requires an annual review that determines if each LEA has not decreased spending of general fund dollars, and is budgeting expenditures to meet the MOE standards.

There are three (3) MOE measurements that are required to be submitted via the eGMS system.

- 2025 IDEA MOE Confirmation (Compliance) will be available on April 20, 2026, and the deadline for submission is May 4, 2026.
- 2027 ESSA MOE Verification will be available on May 11, 2026, and the deadline for submission is June 5, 2026.
- 2027 IDEA MOE Verification (Eligibility) will be available on May 11, 2026, and the deadline for submission is June 5, 2026.

The [MOE Quick Reference Guide](#) is available to assist in the MOE submission process. A Local Only Funds Calculator is available in the Business Manager Support Resources to assist with completing the Local Only Funds section of the IDEA MOEs.

Please contact monique.livious2@la.gov with questions about the MOE review process or jason.berard@la.gov with technical inquiries.