

## LDOE Weekly Newsletter: May 12, 2026

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### Message from the State Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

I enjoyed seeing so many people across Louisiana take time to thank teachers last week during Teacher Appreciation Week. That appreciation matters.

This week, I encourage you to vote in the May 16 election. Amendment 3 would provide a permanent pay raise for teachers and support staff. If approved by voters, teachers would receive approximately a \$2,250 increase and support staff would receive a \$1,125 increase. These would be permanent raises — not a stipend or one-time money.

The amendment would use existing education funds to help pay down debt in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. It would strengthen the retirement system, lower recurring costs for local school systems, and require those savings to be used for permanent raises for teachers and support staff.

Please make a plan to vote on May 16.

Dr. Cade Brumley  
State Superintendent of Education

### Important Dates for School Systems

#### Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [May 13 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE Authorized Monthly Call: [May 14 at 9:00 a.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [May 14 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [May 18 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call: [May 19 at 3:00 p.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [May 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Monthly Call: [May 20 at 2:00 p.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [May 20 at 2:00 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Office Hours: [May 21 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- Computer Science Office Hours: [May 21 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: [May 21 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [May 21 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [June 2 at 1 p.m.](#)

- Attendance Monthly Call: [June 4 at 8 a.m.](#)

## **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 3: [May 13 at 1:30 p.m.](#)
- 2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Session Option 1: [May 13 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Summer Feeding Applications Due: [May 18](#)
- 2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Session Option 2: [May 20 at 9 a.m.](#)
- 2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Session Option 3: [June 3 at 9 a.m.](#)
- 2024-2025 Seclusion and Restraint Verification Forms Due [May 31](#)
- Mental Health in Schools Survey Deadline: [June 30](#)
- Behavioral Health in Schools Survey Deadline: [June 30](#)

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](#).

- Frog Street Press, LLC - Frog Street Infant Joyful Beginnings, Louisiana, ECE Ages 0-18 months (©2025)

Please contact [louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov](mailto: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](mailto:mentorandcontentleaders@la.gov) with questions.

#### **EDL Alternative Pathway 4 Boot Camp**

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

The EDL Alternative Pathway 4 offers a unique opportunity for those with graduate degrees in Business Administration or Public Administration, or Juris Doctorate holders and honorably discharged commissioned officers from the US military to obtain an Educational Leadership Certificate. To be eligible, you must complete training provided by the LDOE and have passed the School Leadership Licensure Assessment. Interested applicants should complete the [application](#) for the Fall 2026 Boot Camp.

Please contact [louisianaleaders@la.gov](mailto:louisianaleaders@la.gov) with questions about this pathway and training format.

#### **Novice Principal Academy Registration**

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

The Novice Principal Academy is an intensive, year-long cohort focusing on leadership development through self-reflection, long-range planning, and analyzing school data. [Applications](#) are available now. Novice principals interested in participating or system leaders looking to support their new leaders are welcome to complete the application.

Please contact [louisianaleaders@la.gov](mailto:louisianaleaders@la.gov) with questions about this pathway and training format.

### **Learning & Leading: Aspiring Educator Cohort**

**Please share with pre-educator system leads and teachers.**

[Applications](#) now open. The Learning & Leading: Aspiring Educators Cohort is designed to cultivate Louisiana's next generation of educators. This program provides high school students with meaningful opportunities to explore the teaching profession while developing essential leadership skills and professional knowledge for future success in education. All [applications](#) must be submitted by the school's Pre-Educator leader or principal no later than **May 22**.

Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions.

### Teacher Leader Summit

#### **Teacher Leader Summit Session Registration**

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

Session registration opens May 15 via the Cvent app. On May 15, an email will be sent from Cvent to all registered participants with the QR code to get the app and provide the Event ID in order to register for sessions. **Attendees will not be able to schedule sessions or access the event in Cvent until May 15. Registered participants must reserve seats for sessions in advance via the Cvent app.**

Don't forget early check-in/t-shirt pick up is **Monday, May 25 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.** Those who can check-in that Monday will be eligible for a special prize.

Also, new this year, **Wednesday, May 27**, will be a school/district spirit day. Wear your school/district shirt with appropriate bottoms.

Please contact [ldoeevents@la.gov](mailto:ldoeevents@la.gov) with questions.

## **Operations and Federal Programs**

### Federal Programs

#### **Super App Office Hours**

**Please share with federal program directors and system leaders.**

Super App office hours scheduled for May 14 have been **cancelled**. Related updates and information will be shared during the next Federal Support and Grantee Relations monthly call scheduled for May 21 at 10 a.m.

Please contact [ldoeoperations@la.gov](mailto:ldoeoperations@la.gov) with questions.

# Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

## **LEAP Spring Assessments: All Grades and Subjects**

**Please share with testing coordinators and school leaders.**

All students who were uploaded to DRC INSIGHT for spring testing should be tested or accountability coded, except for high school students who are scheduled to retest and have a prior year score for the subject. Accountability coding should be completed in DRC INSIGHT no later than Friday, May 15.

- Accountability codes require specific documentation. Codes 01-47 and 97 are aligned to exit codes used to remove students from enrollment, and the codes cannot be used for any student who remains enrolled. There should be a corresponding exit in EdLink to support the code applied to the test.
- A test that has any responses provided for it will be scored regardless of whether or not there is a code applied. For partial tests, accountability coded documents will not contribute scores to accountability.
- Code 81 is used to remove an earned score for a newly-arrived English learner. This accountability code will not prevent an earned zero for an English learner that did not take the test.

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

## **School Choice**

### Charter Schools

#### **2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Sessions**

**Please share with school and system leaders.**

The Office of School Choice will host informational sessions for the mid-year application cycle. Informational sessions are designed for applicants interested in applying as a Type 2 or 4 charter.

Available dates are listed below and interested parties may utilize the [Jotform](#) for registration:

- May 13 or 20 at 9 a.m.
- June 3 at 9 a.m

Please contact [charters@la.gov](mailto:charters@la.gov) with questions.

### Nonpublic Schools

#### **Scholarship Assessment Score Reporting**

**Please share with nonpublic schools.**

For schools taking norm-referenced assessments, all test scores must be securely uploaded to the “Assessments” folder within the nonpublic schools SFTP by Monday, June 15, 2026. Test scores must be uploaded as provided by assessment vendors.

For schools taking LEAP assessments, no uploads or other actions are required.

Please contact [lagator@la.gov](mailto:lagator@la.gov) with questions.

# School System Financial Services

## **International Associate Teachers' Stipends**

**Please share with business managers and financial officials.**

The allocations for the 2nd and 3rd year International Association Teachers' Stipends will be issued to systems on May 15, 2026. The allocation amounts by systems will be included in the May 2026 Budget Letter, which will be available in the MFP Library.

Please contact [ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:ldoemfphelpdesk@la.gov) with questions.

## **Fiscal Year 2026 Year-End Deadlines**

**Please share with business managers and financial officials.**

The deadlines noted below have been established to ensure that funding for FY26 is utilized completely. The LDOE cannot guarantee the payment of late claims, invoices, or travel reimbursements. Failure to meet deadlines risks funding availability. Responsible stewardship of funds dedicated to improving education within our state is appreciated.

- June 19: All 8g claims are due in eGMS.
- July 7: All Carl Perkins claims are due in eGMS.
- July 15: All other state and federal awards claims ending June 30 are due in eGMS.

Please contact [LDOE.federalclaims@la.gov](mailto:LDOE.federalclaims@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) was due for submission by May 4.
- 2027 ESSA MOE Verification became available on May 11, and the submission deadline is June 5.
- 2027 IDEA MOE Verification (Eligibility) became available on May 11, and the submission deadline is June 5.

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](mailto:monique.livious2@la.gov) with questions about the MOE review process or [jason.berard@la.gov](mailto:jason.berard@la.gov) with technical inquiries.