

## LDOE Weekly Newsletter: May 19, 2026

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### Message from the State Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

I'm proud to share that Louisiana is the No. 1 state in the nation for academic growth. The latest [Education Scorecard](#) shows Louisiana [ranks first among states in reading growth and second among states in math growth](#). The national study from Harvard, Stanford, and Dartmouth also found that Louisiana is the only state where average student performance has surpassed 2019 levels in both reading and math.

That progress is because of you. Teachers are delivering strong instruction. Principals are leading academic improvement. School system teams are aligning resources, supporting educators, and keeping the focus on students.

Together, you are showing the might of Louisiana.

Dr. Cade Brumley  
State Superintendent of Education

### Important Dates for School Systems

#### Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- 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.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Call: [June 2 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

- 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

### Educator Talent and Workforce Development

#### **Extended Sick Leave Reporting**

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

[Louisiana law R.S. 17:1202](#) requires all city, parish, and local public school boards to provide eligible teachers with extended sick leave benefits under certain medical circumstances. In addition, each local public school board must:

- Maintain a sick leave bank donation policy,
- Keep physician information confidential,
- Ensure leave decisions are made by the local superintendent, and
- Submit **annual leave usage reports** to the Louisiana Department of Education.

Please [report](#) your annual leave by **July 17**.

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

#### **Pre-Educator Development and Expansion Funding Application**

Please share with pre-educator system leads, CTE coordinators, secondary supervisors, and teachers.

The [Pre-Educator Development and Expansion Funding Application](#) is now open. Systems may apply for either Development Funding or Expansion Funding depending on whether they have previously received LDOE funding for Pre-Educator Pathway implementation. If funding requests exceed the amount of available funds, priority will be given to systems requesting Pathway Development Funding. To apply, systems should complete the [funding application](#) no later than **June 3**.

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

#### **Aspiring Educators Curriculum Deep Dive**

Please share with pre-educator system leads, CTE coordinators, secondary supervisors, and teachers.

Join us for an in-person training session designed to explore the LDOE's Aspiring Educators curriculum. Participants will gain an overview of the two course offerings; Foundations of Education and Learning Communities.

[Register now](#) to reserve your seat. The training will take place on **July 8** from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Room at the Claiborne Building.

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

#### **The New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick-Off Registration is OPEN**

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

The LDOE will host the [New Teacher Experience: Summer Kick-Off](#) on **July 24** from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 400 new teachers.

Registration is now open and will close July 16 or once capacity is reached, whichever comes first. This event is provided at no cost to systems; however, any travel costs may be covered by the school system. [Registration](#) includes lunch and a tote bag with lots of start-of-the-year goodies.

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

## **Certification Sanctions and Fraudulent Documentation**

**Please share with system leaders, HR directors, and preparation providers.**

Under BESE Bulletin 746, Chapter 19, educator certification sanctions may be imposed for reasons beyond criminal convictions, including the submission of fraudulent documentation.

Fraudulent documentation includes any document that is false, altered, or misrepresents truth when submitted to the LDOE or BESE to obtain or support certification. Signing or attesting to information without verification may result in inaccurate or false documentation.

The LDOE has recently identified inconsistencies related to mentor verification in residency-based preparation programs, including mentor attestations that could not be verified through employment records or mentorship capacity. Because the LDOE relies on these attestations as part of the certification process, mentor assignments, employment alignment, and mentorship capacity should be verified prior to signing documentation.

If fraudulent documentation is confirmed, an educator credential may be denied or suspended, subject to BESE sanction proceedings, and reported to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Clearinghouse. These provisions may apply to any certificated individual involved in the submission or attestation of inaccurate documentation, including human resources personnel and preparation providers.

All signatories are encouraged to read and verify before signing and attest only to verified information. Protecting the integrity of Louisiana certification is a shared responsibility.

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

## **LES 2025-2026 Evaluation Closeout**

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

Systems should be finalizing educator evaluations in the Louisiana Evaluation System (LES) portal. Evaluations can be finalized (including VAM teachers) if all components of the evaluation are complete and data is available to report for SLTs. VAM scores will be added on the backend when available.

Evaluations should be marked incomplete for any employee who should have been evaluated but did not receive an evaluation. Refer to [Bulletin 130](#) for the conditions under which an evaluation may be marked incomplete.

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

## Teacher Leader Summit

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

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

**Session registration is now open.**



#### **Steps to Log In to the Event App:**

**Step 1:** Scan the QR code.

**Step 2:** Enter the Event ID: TLS26idea5. Then download the event app.

**Step 3:** You'll be prompted to log in using your first name, last name, and email ID. A 6-digit verification code will be sent to your registered email. Enter the code to complete the login. Once you're in, the Event App is ready for you to explore.

Can't access the app? Utilize the registration portal from your email confirmation. Log back in by clicking on the "Already Registered" link from the banner, enter your confirmation number and email ID, click on the "Modify" button, and then add sessions to your schedule via the registration process.

Or if you cannot access the app, please use this [website](#).

Session full? Add yourself to the waitlist. Login to your email confirmation, find your session, select “Join Waitlist.” You cannot add yourself to the waitlist from the app, only from your registration page.

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

## Operations and Federal Programs

### Federal Programs

#### **Super App 2026-2027 Amendment 1 Office Hours with FSGR staff**

**Please share with Federal Program Directors and Business Managers.**

The Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Team will host virtual office hours on Zoom to support any LEA questions. This is a great time to ask for assistance with the 2027 Super App and to do some targeted assistance on the budget pages.

#### May Super App Amendment 1 Office Hours

- **Date/Time:** Friday, May 22, 2026 from 10-11 a.m.
- **Link:** [Office Hours](#)
- **Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 910 9016 0398

#### June Super App Amendment 1 Office Hours

- **Date/Time:** Friday, June 10, 2026 at 10-11 a.m.
- **Link:** [Office Hours](#)
- **Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID:** 997 3394 1002

Please remember that 2026-2027 Super App Amendment 1 submissions are due on or before June 30.

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

## Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics

### **LEAP Connect Spring 2026 Reports**

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

LEAP Connect student reports, school rosters, and data files are available to district and school test coordinators in DRC INSIGHT Report Delivery. School systems should share individual reports with families as soon as possible. All reports can be shared with appropriate school staff for instructional planning.

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

### **LEAP Summer Administration**

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

Test setup for the LEAP high school summer administration will open on June 11 for test setup. The administration window will be open from June 22-26.

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

## **Accountability Data Certification**

**Please share with accountability contacts, technology coordinators, and school leaders.**

- *Alternative schools only:* Louisiana Data Review (LDR) online system closes Friday, May 29, 2026 for the purpose of submitting data for the selected Interest and Opportunities documentation-based indicators for the 2026 school performance scores.
- *All schools and systems with grade 12:* All credits, credentials including associate degrees, and work-based learning used in the Thrive indicator of the new accountability system should be applied to the student transcript in STS by a student's graduation date but no later than June 30, 2026. When cohort graduation data certification opens in the summer, school systems will not be able to submit requests to change any data that should have been applied to the transcript for Thrive Indicators. School systems will also not be able to request changes to any dropout flags or exit codes that were included in any prior years EdLink reporting.

Please contact [accountability@la.gov](mailto:accountability@la.gov) with questions about Interests and Opportunities

Please contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions about cohort graduation data certification.

## **Funding Allocation Review Audit**

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

A review/audit of the usage of both the Differentiated Compensation Allocation and Certificated and Support Stipend Allocation funding is being conducted. As an initial step, two distinct questionnaires, one for each funding allocation, are being distributed. Please use the links provided below to access the respective questionnaires. Each document contains instructions for completion.

All systems that received funding for either the Differentiated Compensation Allocation or the Certificated and Support Stipend Allocation must complete and submit the applicable questionnaire.

The [Differentiated Compensation Allocation Review](#) and the [Certificated and Support Staff Stipend Allocation Review](#) must be submitted by June 1, 2026.

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