

## LDOE Weekly Newsletter: May 5, 2026

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### Message from the State Superintendent

Dear Colleagues,

It's Teacher Appreciation Week. Louisiana students have made historic academic gains, and that progress belongs to the teachers who show up every day, challenge students, support families, and bring learning to life in classrooms across our state.

Teachers deserve our appreciation and admiration. I'm glad to see schools and communities recognizing teachers in ways big and small – whether it's a note, a call, a comment, or a celebration that reminds teachers how valued they are to us all.

As a small gesture of our appreciation, we are [giving away Teacher Leader Summit VIP](#) passes to 20 Louisiana teachers who are not already registered. You can learn more and enter by [completing this quick form](#). Preference will be given to first-time TLS attendees.

Thank you for the progress you've made and for continuing to push for what's next.

Dr. Cade Brumley  
State Superintendent of Education

### Important Dates for School Systems

#### Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Social Studies Office Hours: [May 6 at 3:15 p.m.](#)
- Attendance Monthly Call: [May 7 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [May 12 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [May 13 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Monthly Call: [May 14 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [May 14 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Certification Monthly Call: [May 18 at 10:30 a.m.](#)
- Preparation Provider Monthly Call: [May 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [May 20 at 2 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.](#)

## **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 1: [May 6 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- Title IV, Part A Waiver Application Process Webinar: [May 6 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Science Grades 6-8 Implementation Guidance Update Webinar Option 2: [May 8 at 8:30 a.m.](#)
- 2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Session Option 1: [May 13 at 9 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](#)
- 2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Session Option 2: [May 20 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Final Date for EEF Amendments: [May 30](#)
- 2024-2025 Seclusion and Restraint Verification Forms Due: [May 31](#)
- 2024-2025 Program Approval - Fall Cycle Notices of Intent Due: [June 1](#)
- 2026 Mid-Year RFA Informational Session Option 3: [June 3 at 9 a.m.](#)
- Mental Health in Schools Survey Deadline: [June 30](#)
- EEF Recipients Deadline to Obligate Funds: [June 30](#)
- Behavioral Health in Schools Survey Deadline: [June 30](#)
- EEF Recipients Deadline to Submit Final June 30 PERs: [July 15](#)

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

## **Teaching and Learning**

### **2026-2027 System Leader Regional Collaboration Registration**

**Please share with system leaders.**

[Registration](#) is now open for 2026-2027 System Leader Regional Collaborations. Each system is asked to have representation in each pathway. The learning pathways and intended participants are:

- **System Instructional Alignment:** Superintendents, CAOs, Assistant Superintendents, Supervisors of Instruction, PD Directors, SPED Directors, Principal Supervisors
- **Attendance:** Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisors, Student Services Leaders
- **High School Opportunities:** Career and Technical Education Supervisors
- **Business Managers Collaboration:** Business Managers

#### **Session dates:**

- **Monroe Cohort:** September 23, 2026 and January 26, 2027
- **Shreveport Cohort:** September 24, 2026 and January 27, 2027
- **Lafayette Cohort:** October 1, 2026 and February 2, 2027
- **Baton Rouge Cohort:** September 30, 2026 and January 21, 2027

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

## **Academic Content**

### **Computer Science Teacher Leader Advisor Applications**

**Please share with teachers and teacher leaders.**

The LDOE's Computer Science [Teacher Leader Advisors](#) (TLAs) are highly motivated educators who work alongside the Division of Academic Content to support Louisiana's Education Priorities. Computer Science TLAs will serve an essential role in supporting the implementation of the Louisiana Student Standards for Computer Science by creating resources, engaging in work that develops an understanding of high-quality curricula, and providing training for teachers. Interested educators should [apply](#) no later than **May 31**.

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

## **Land of Liberty Summer Professional Learning**

**Please share with content supervisors, school leaders, and teachers.**

The LDOE will offer free, in-person regional professional learning opportunities to support high school U.S. History instruction on June 17 and 18. Leaders are encouraged to share these opportunities with their teachers and support attendance. These half-day sessions focus on implementing [Land of Liberty: The History of the United States](#). Teachers will explore the curriculum, engage in lesson study, and plan for performance tasks to strengthen classroom instruction.

**Time:** Half-day sessions, 8:30 a.m.–noon

**Locations:** St. Tammany Parish and Ouachita Parish

**Registration deadline:** June 15

See the [Land of Liberty Summer Professional Learning flyer](#) for session dates, locations, and registration information.

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

## **Social Studies Summer Professional Learning**

**Please share with content supervisors, school leaders, and teachers.**

The LDOE will offer additional professional learning sessions for both leaders and teachers in July.

The morning session (8:30–11:30 a.m.) is designed for leaders and focuses on the [Social Studies Walkthrough Tool](#). Participants will identify key indicators of high-quality social studies instruction and learn to provide clear, actionable feedback aligned to the [Louisiana Educator Rubric](#) (LER).

The afternoon session (12:30–3:30 p.m.) is designed for teachers and focuses on the K–2 Knowledge Building Cards. Teachers will explore how content knowledge and vocabulary develop in early grades and plan lessons using the cards alongside high-quality instructional materials. Participants will receive a free set of grade-level Knowledge Building Cards while supplies last.

**Locations:** Six sites statewide

**Registration deadline:** June 30

See the [K–2 Knowledge Building Professional Learning flyer](#) and the [Social Studies Walkthrough Tool Professional Learning flyer](#) for dates and locations.

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

## **Educator Talent and Workforce Development**

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

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

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.

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

## **Louisiana Aspiring Educators Summer Academy Applications Closing Soon**

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

[Applications](#) for this one-of-a-kind, five-day, hybrid summer camp and professional learning experience will close on **May 8**. 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](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions.

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

**Please share with pre-educator system leads 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.

## **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. to 4 p.m. in Baton Rouge for 400 new teachers.

The Summer Kick-Off will take place at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge, located at 3838 W. Lakeshore Drive. 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.

## **Recruitment and Retention Fellowship Application**

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

[Applications](#) are open for the Louisiana Department of Education's year-long Recruitment and Retention Fellowship until **June 26**.

Fellows will collaborate with HR leaders statewide to improve workforce stability and student outcomes. Find more details in the [Recruitment and Retention Fellowship Overview](#).

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

## **2024-2025 Program Approval - Fall Cycle**

**Please share with superintendents, system leaders, and human resource directors.**

The [new program application](#) opened **May 1** for the fall cycle for teacher preparation programs, mentor teacher, content leader, and ECAC. All Notices of Intent are due by **June 1**. Applications will be reviewed to ensure applicants meet all policy requirements to obtain approval before being moved to the application phase. Full applications for all new programs are due **July 10**.

Information for teacher preparation providers applying for initial program approval is available in the [Preparation Library](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).

## 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 were due May 1 and should be submitted promptly if not already completed.

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

### **School Support Institutes 2026-2027 Registration**

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

[Registration](#) is open for SSI 2026-2027. Principals of CIR schools should register themselves and two additional ILT members. System leaders who support CIR schools and/or supervise principals of attending schools are encouraged to attend SSI with their school teams. Session dates, locations and cohort assignments can be found on the [SSI Overview document](#).

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- **Lafayette Cohort:** October 1, 2026 & February 2, 2027
- **Baton Rouge Cohort:** September 30, 2026 & January 21, 2027
- **New Orleans Cohort:** September 29, 2026 & January 20, 2027

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

## Tutoring

### **Review Remaining HDT Funds in eGMS**

**Please share with system leaders.**

Now that Quarter 3 fiscal reporting has been submitted, systems should review their remaining [Accelerate: High-Dosage Tutoring](#) balance in eGMS and confirm they are on track to fully expend all distributed funds by the end of the school year. The Fiscal Monitoring tab reflects your current balance, including any prior-year funds not reported as expended.

Please note that any funds not reported as expended in 2025–2026 will be deducted from next year's allocation.

Allowable HDT expenses include:

- Salary and benefits for full- or part-time LEA staff
- External tutoring providers listed on the [LDOE vendor guide](#)

Fiscal reporting for Quarter 4 is due June 30.

For questions, please contact [tutoring@la.gov](mailto:tutoring@la.gov)

## Teacher Leader Summit

### **Teacher Leader Summit Session List**

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

A full session list with session descriptions and target audiences is available on the [event website](#). Use this list for pre-planning. Be sure to have a few backup sessions in mind as sessions fill up quickly. On **May 15**, an email will be sent to all attendees with the **TLS event ID** and QR code for the Cvent app. Once attendees receive that email, they may begin adding sessions to their agenda in Cvent. **Attendees will not be able to schedule sessions or access the event in Cvent until May 15.**

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

## Operations and Federal Programs

### Federal Programs

#### **Title IV, Part A Waiver Application Process Webinar**

Please share with all LEA Federal Program Directors.

The LDOE is hosting a webinar to provide general information on the Title IV, Part A Waiver Application. This webinar will outline the Title IV program requirements and provide a detailed, step-by-step guide to completing the application.

- **Date and Time:** May 6 at 10 a.m.
- **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93796886671>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470-381-2552
- **Zoom Meeting ID:** 937 9688 6671

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

#### **System Open for Education Excellence Fund (EEF)**

Please share with Federal Program Directors, EEF Contacts, and Business Managers.

If your school or agency received a payment from the 2025-2026 [Education Excellence Fund \(EEF\)](#) this year, please be advised of the following important dates:

- May 30, 2026, is the final date for EEF Amendments;
- June 30, 2026, is the deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds; and
- July 15, 2026, is the deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs.

If an amendment is needed to your 2025-2026 EEF budget, please email the [LDOE Grants Help Desk](#) to begin the paperwork. All requests for amendments must receive LDOE approval before an amendment can occur in eGMS.

Please note that Final PERs are required and used to calculate EEF allocations for the 2026-2027 awards. If the final PER is not submitted by July 15, EEF recipients will experience delays in accessing their 2026-2027 EEF funds. As a reminder, when completing the 6/30 PER, on the first tab (labeled Expenditure Obligation Summary), please select the checkbox for Final Expenditure. If the PER is not reported as final, it will have to be corrected and resubmitted.

To prepare your final 6/30 PER for EEF login to the [eGMS system](#).

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

## Career and College Readiness

### **2026 School Safety Summit**

**Please share with school system leaders, school principals, school safety/security personnel, mental health providers, school healthcare professionals, law enforcement, and emergency preparedness partners.**

The Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana State Police, will host the Louisiana School Safety Summit on Wednesday and Thursday, July 7 and 8, at the Lake Charles Event Center. This event aims to provide school system leaders and staff with best practices in school safety and emergency preparedness. [Registration](#) is free.

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