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Members of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE),

As schools and state offices across Louisiana closed in response to this week's winter weather event, outreach from school districts has indicated that local school board meetings were also impacted by closures. In response, an adjustment to the Charter School Application Timeline is warranted.

Local school boards consider applications for Type I charter schools within districts. The 2023-2024 Charter School Application Process Timeline, approved by BESE in August 2023, requires local boards to make these decisions no later than January 19, 2024. BESE also authorized the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to amend the timeline as needed and notify BESE members of any revisions.

This letter serves as official notification that LDOE is extending the timeline for local board decisions regarding Type I charter applications from Friday, January 19, 2024 to Friday, January 26, 2024, allowing meetings to be rescheduled and communicated appropriately.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or to Pam Schooler.

Dr. Cade Brumley

State Superintendent of Education

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