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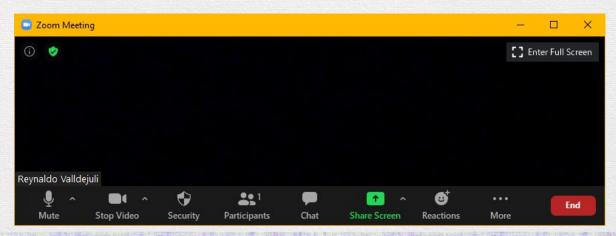




School System and Charter School
Business Manager and Financial Officer
Monthly Call
January 2023

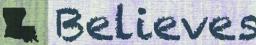
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If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact

LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Agenda

- Welcome
- Required Submissions and Reminders
- State Grants Update
- Federal Grants Update
- MFP Update
- Call Dates and Slide Deck Links
- Resources

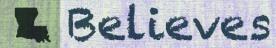


Required Submissions and Reminders



Upcoming Required Submissions

Charter School Budgets



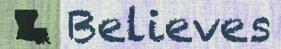
Charter School Budgets



Second Quarter Budget Reports

- The Second Quarter Financial Budget Report for FY 2022-2023 is due by January 31, 2023.
- If your organization operates more than one charter school, you must submit the financial report for each individual school.
- Submissions must be in the format provided by the department; submission with changes to the documents will not be accepted.
- For more details see the Instructions for Quarterly Budgets tab in the Annual Budget Workbook.
- The financial workbook, inclusive of Annual, 1st and 2nd Quarter updates, and the <u>Statement of Affirmation</u> must be submitted via email to <u>CharterFinanceHelpdesk@la.gov</u>
- Results of the department's review of the budgets is reported several times a year to BESE.

For questions contact charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov



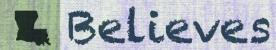
State Grants Update



State Grants

Nonpublic Textbooks and Textbooks Administration

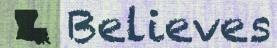
- Allocation amounts were released through eGMS in October
 Please remember to claim these funds.
- If you have questions regarding the allocation amounts contact nonpublicfinancehelpdesk@la.gov
- If you have eGMS questions or need assistance accessing the allocation information contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov



State Grants

Education Excellence Fund (EEF)

- EEF must be approved by the House and Senate Committees on Education prior to the funds being accessible to school systems.
- Senate Education Committee gave approval on in mid-December 2022; House Education Committee meeting in scheduling with members.
- EEF is administered through eGMS so if you have questions or need assistance accessing the allocation information contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov

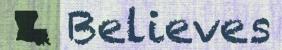


Federal Grants Update



Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) <u>December Monthly Call</u> contains items of interest to business officials such as:

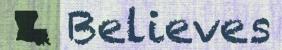
- Super App DUE January 27, 2023
- BELIEVE! application for early childhood lead agencies DUE January 27, 2023
- Key Resources
 - 2023-2024 School System Planning Guide
 - Planning Framework and Funding Guidance (Appendix A)
 - Strategic Planning and Budgeting Workbook
- Achieve Updates
 - Sample Achieve! Approval & Funding Summary document
 - Contact LDOE.GrantsHelpdesk@la.gov with questions



- Title I, Part A Waiver Application Available
 - The Waiver application is due on, or before, January 13, 2023. For more information, please contact melanie.mayeux@la.gov

• ELPT and ELPT Connect will be administered February 13-March 24, 2023. Contact assessment@la.gov for any questions.

• Note several Non-Public Equitable Services Updates and Reminders. Contact Daphne.Flentroy@la.gov for assistance.



Recently Released Applications:

• EC Management Software Initiative: 11/23/22

• Title IA Waiver: 11/30/22

• High Cost Services Rnd 1: 11/30/22

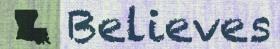
• LA School Mental Health: 12/1/22

• LA Aware 2: 12/1/22

Upcoming Application Releases:

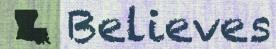
• LA Retention and Recruitment

- Ed has released a comprehensive update to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) programs and Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) FAQs. <u>ESSER and GEER Use of Funds FAQs December 7, 2022 Update</u>
- LASAFAP Time and Effort Inquiry Follow-up



January FSGR Monthly Call

- Date and Time: January 19 at 10 a.m.
- Link: https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95258128918
- Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID: 952 5812 8918
- Passcode: \$Y=64D
- Contact <u>LDOE.GrantsHelpdesk@la.gov</u> with questions, include "School System Planning" in the subject.



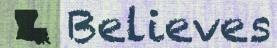
Periodic Expense Reports (PERs):

- PERs are currently not being submitted by many school systems on or before deadline.
- Non-submission is a problem because PERs support education requirements for federal grants.
- Tools are being implemented to encourage school systems to comply with the due dates to include but not limited to reminder emails from eGMS.
 - PER Submission Deadlines are:
 - 3/31 due 4/15
 - 6/30 due 7/15
 - 9/30 due 10/15
 - 12/31 due 1/15
- Please arrange your workplans such that compliance with the required deadlines can be improved.
- Questions on PERs can be directed to <u>LDOE.FederalClaims@LA.GOV</u>.



Reimbursement Requests:

- Reimbursement requests are not currently being submitted by many school systems on a regular basis.
- As a good business practice and proper administration of federal funds,
 Reimbursement Requests should be submitted at least quarterly.
- Payments are usually processed within 30 days of receipt of the Reimbursement Request; high volume periods may take slightly longer.
- Questions on Reimbursement Requests may be directed to LDOE.FederalClaims@LA.GOV.



MFP Formula Update



MFP - Related Data Collections

Collection

Open

Close

How Data Used from Collections

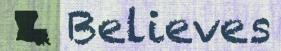
Feb 1 MFP/

Data used for MFP funding and determination of economically disadvantaged students for federal funds

Oct CLASS (Staff and Student)
(includes data formerly known as
PEP data for pay raise)

8/1/22 1/13/23

Used in calculating MFP Pay Raises, CTE-Career Tech education weighted count, CDF-Career Development Fund count, VAM, Workforce Reporting, Class Size, Interests & Opportunities K-8 class schedules index



MFP Items

Data Collections:

February 1, 2023 - Base and Weighted Students

- Data used in February Mid-Year Adjustment calculation and February 1 count in FY23-24 MFP Formula
- Collection closes February 17, 2023



MFP Items

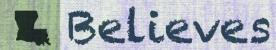
Upcoming Allocations:

January 2023

 Teacher Mentor Stipends - \$2,000 per mentor adjusted for time spent with residents. Expect separate payment apart from regular MFP monthly payment. Noticed in Newsletter upon release of payments.

March 2023

- Pay Raise Reconciliation/Payment Adjustments
- Resident Teacher Reconciliation/Payment Adjustments
- October Mid-Year Adjustment
- February Mid-Year Adjustment



Call Dates and Slide Decks



Call Dates and Slide Deck Links

- Next <u>Business Manager Monthly Call</u> is February 15 at 2:00 p.m.
 - Reminder with date and link will be posted in LDOE Weekly Newsletter
- Slide deck for August Business Manager Monthly Call
- Slide deck for September Business Manager Monthly Call
- Slide Deck for October Business Manager Monthly Call
- Slide Deck for November Business Manager Monthly Call
- Slide Deck for December Business Manager Monthly Call





RESOURCES



Resource Index

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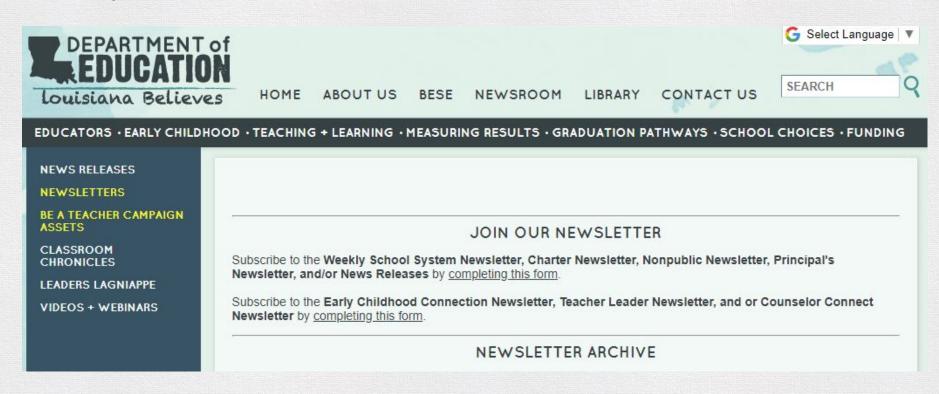


Weekly Newsletters



Weekly Communications - Newsletters

How to receive weekly LDOE Newsletters - Go to https://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/newsletters to sign up for newsletters important for your role and to find archived newsletters.





Sign Up for Weekly Newsletters

This <u>form</u> applies to system, charter and nonpublic newsletters.

Important notices and materials are posted in these weekly newsletters.



Sign up to stay in touch!

Thanks for your interest in joining our mailing list. Please complete the information below and click Sign Up. * Email Address * First Name * Last Name * Job Title * District/Parish **Email Lists** Charter Newsletter News Releases Nonpublic Newsletter Principals Newsletter

Weekly System Leaders Newsletter



Weekly Communications - Newsletters

- Newsletters include information by LDOE Office
- Items will specifically mention the school system staff who would benefit from the information provided
- Entries and reminders draw attention to important timelines

In This Issue

- Important Dates for School Systems
- Operations
- Assessments, Accountability and Analytics
- Career and College Readiness
- School System Financial Services
- · Teaching and Learning
 - Diverse Learners
 - Educator Development
 - Literacy
- Reminders

Click School System Financial Services link to go directly to the relevant entries.



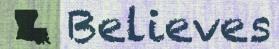
Weekly Communications - Newsletters

 Special section addresses dates, times and links to monthly calls, office hours and webinars

Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call: September 15 at 10 a.m.
- School System Financial Services AFR Office Hours: September 15 at 2 p.m.
- Certification Monthly Call: <u>September 19 at 10:30 a.m.</u>
- School Medicaid Monthly Call: September 20 at 2:30 p.m.
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: September 20 at 3:45 p.m.



New Business Manager Survey



Minimum Qualification Requirement for Business Managers

- Continuing Education: must acquire either a Certified Louisiana School Business Administrator (CLSBA) or Certified Louisiana Charter School Business Administrator (CLCSBA) certification through the Louisiana Association of School Business Officials (LASBO). An active CPA may substitute for the required certification.
- Shared Services Provision: Statute allows school systems to enter into an agreement to share business services, including contracting a business professional that meets the minimum requirements established by BESE.

See page 96 of the LAUGH Guide for additional details or visit: https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/charter-schools



New Business Manager Survey

All new Business Managers or Financial Professionals must submit a New Business Manager survey. Contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov for assistance.

This information is required for the annual Fiscal Risk Assessment.

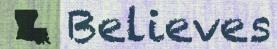


edfin FTP Secure Site



Secure Communications - edfin FTP Secure Site

- Certain information to be shared with business managers requires the use of a secure transmission method rather than email
- SSFS uses this secure site to provide school systems information that may contain PII or other private information related to MFP, PIP, AFR and other financial topics
- edfin FTP Secure Site established for this purpose
- This is a different site and should not be confused with other FTP sites
 provided by other LDOE offices; for example, Data Coordinators have a
 specific data FTP site
- Notices will appear in the weekly newsletters when files are placed in edFin



edFin FTP Secure Site

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70% Instructional Requirement	8/24/2022 2:31 PM	File folder	
Annual Financial Report	8/10/2021 2:45 PM	File folder	
Fiscal Risk Assessment	10/21/2021 10:37	File folder	
PIP	8/22/2022 3:05 PM	File folder	
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1_Acadia Parish_GEER Funds Allocation	7/9/2020 3:21 PM	Microsoft Excel W	29 KB

- Secure information is saved in this "folder" and systems may access the folder with proper security access.
- Business Manager/Financial Officer must contact <u>schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov</u> to secure access.

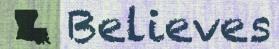


Annual Financial Report (AFR)



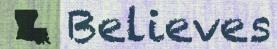
Annual Financial Report (AFR) Training

- AFR comprehensive presentation is available for reference.
- Presentation includes information on:
 - Louisiana Accounting & Uniform Governmental Handbook (LAUGH) Defined
 - Annual Financial Report (AFR) Defined
 - AFR Uses
 - AFR Financial Data
 - AFR Submission Process
 - AFR Submission Required Data
 - AFR Submission FY 2021-2022 Data Collection
 - Post Submission of AFR
 - AFR Ratings



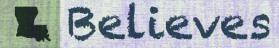
2021-22 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

- AFR data collection opened September 1, 2022 and is ongoing
- AFR data collection will remain in LEADS for the FALL 2022 collection period
- <u>FY 2021-2022 AFR documents</u> & templates are located on the AFR LEADS Support Page
 - FY 2021-2022 Coding for State & Federal Grant information has been updated
- For questions on fiscal data and auditor review process, contact <u>staudit@la.gov</u>
- For questions on technical support, contact <u>systemsupport@la.gov</u>



AFR Post Submission Process

- Once an AFR has been submitted to the department, the next step is to access the exception reports to identify any data errors
- The Post Submission Audit Report (PSAR) in LEADS provides a listing of the issues for review



AFR Post Submission Process

 Instructions for assessing the Post Submission Audit Report (PSAR) in LEADS can be found at https://leads13.doe.louisiana.gov/lug/AFR/AFR.htm (AFR Support Page in LEADS)

AFR LEA Post Submission Review Process

2020-2021 AFR Review Process - Post Submission Audit Review Instructions for LEAs (PDF)

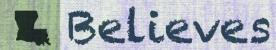
2020-2021 AFR Review Checklist - City/Parish Systems (PDF)

2020-2021 Response to AFR Checklist - City/Parish Systems (EXCEL)

2020-2021 AFR Review Checklist - Charters, Lab schools & State Agencies (PDF)

2020-2021 Response to AFR Checklist - Charters, Lab Schools & State Agencies (EXCEL)

2020-2021 Special Reporting Certification - City/Parish systems, Charters, Lab Schs & State Agencies (PDF)



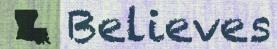
AFR Post Submission Process

- Once a school system business manager has reviewed their PSAR report and has identified that corrections are needed, a revised AFR should be uploaded via LEADS
- Once all corrections are made based on the PSAR, the next step is for the school systems business
 manager to access the AFR Review Checklist and the Response to AFR Checklist from the AFR LEADS
 web page. Each item on the AFR Review Checklist should be examined. Responses should be
 provided on the response to AFR Checklist form.
- Once all responses are complete, the signed forms should be returned to <u>staudit@la.gov</u>
- Once all responses are submitted, the auditor in charge will begin a quality review and reach out to the school system business manager if there are any questions and/or additional correction is needed



Annual Financial Report (AFR) to EdLink

- AFR System will transition to EdLink in Fall 2023
- System design will remain the same but with improved functionality
- Methods for submission will remain the same for those systems utilizing the text file process
- Systems using Filebuilder will be offered a similar and improved process for submission



Annual Financial Report (AFR) to EdLink

- Development is underway currently for the new EdLink AFR System
- Internal testing has begun to verify build meets requirements of current AFR system
- Additional testing will proceed for the next six months
- Tentative release to school systems with training will begin in Spring 2023



MFP Related Matters

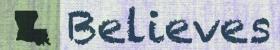


USDA Required School Lunch Match

• The FY 2022-23 School Lunch Match schedule was released via the November 8 Weekly Newsletter and was also posted at the same time in the MFP Library.

• The match amount must be recorded in the revenue keypunch code 4450 in the Annual Financial Report (AFR).

• The match is evidenced, in part, through the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funds identified in the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for each school system and school.



70% Expenditure Requirement

- The FY 2020-21 70% Requirement results were reported to BESE at the October 12 meeting.
- Individual school system calculations were released the week of October 3 through the school system specific efin FTP secure sites.
- School systems that do not meet the Requirement will receive communications from the SSFS staff to begin work on an action plan to address challenges in meeting this requirement. Responses will be summarized and reported to BESE later this year.



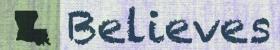
70% Expenditure Requirement Defined

• The 70% expenditure requirement states that city, parish, or local public school systems or other public schools must ensure that:

at a minimum 70% of the city, parish, or local public school system or other public school general fund expenditures are in the areas of instruction and school administration at the school building level.

<u>Detailed 70% Expenditure Requirement presentation</u>

For questions contact <u>LDOEMFPHelpdesk@la.gov</u>

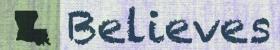


MFP - Data Collections



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- Student and staff data collections are supported through school system Data Coordinators
 - Communications surrounding data collections are sent to the Data Coordinators
 - Monthly calls are held to disseminate instructions and guidance to Data Coordinators
 - Details on monthly calls, <u>Office Hours and Webinars (louisiana.gov)</u> may be helpful
 - Consult with your Data Coordinator on any questions regarding data submissions
 - Data submission benchmark calendar can be viewed on <u>EdLink 360 Support</u> (<u>louisiana.gov</u>) to maintain awareness of timelines



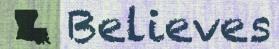
2022-2023 Data Collections

Application systems:

Data is reported during scheduled collection periods with specific open/close dates.

EdLink 360: Data is reported daily (when available) with snapshots taken at specific times during the school year

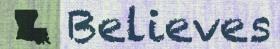
Collection	2021-22 EOY Dropout Corrections	FAILLE AP 2025	K3 Assessments	Oct 1 MFP/IDEA	Oct CLASS (Staff and Student)	Spring LEAP 2025 HS Assessments	Feb 1 MFP	STS Mid-Year in (Legacy System)	VAM Roster Submit/Verify Period	Student End-Of- Year	Staff End-Of-Year	STS End-Of-Year in (Legacy System)
Collection End Date (Snapshot or System Close)	12/16/2022	9/30/2022	10/31/2022	11/11/2022	1/13/2023	2/10/2023	2/17/2023	2/17/2023	3/31/2023	7/7/2023	8/11/2023	9/30/2023



MFP - Student Data Collection

Student Data Collection via EdLink 360:

- October 1, 2022 MFP student count data collection drives the October MFP Mid-Year Adjustment to funding which takes effect in March 2023
- Student counts are being submitted through the new EdLink system this year
 - EdLink student data collection is underway and closes November 11, 2022
 - All student data must be submitted by November 11, 2022 to be considered in MFP calculations
- Students must be counted and reported per the official MFP Membership Definition located in the MFP Library



MFP Student Data Collection

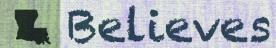
October 1 MFP

School Year	Snapshot Group	Snapshot End Date		
2022-2023	Oct 1 MFP	11/11/2022		

This snapshot will capture data for students enrolled on Oct 1, 2021, which is the count date.

Oct 1 MFP Data: CALENDARS, STUDENTS, ENROLLMENTS, HOMELESS, DISCIPLINE - Incidents, DISCIPLINE - Offenses, DISCIPLINE - Actions, DISCIPLINE - Persons, PROGRAM_MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE, STUDENT_MARKS

This data is Critical for IDEA and MFP Funding and ED Calculations.



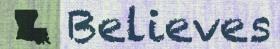
Type 2 Charter Schools + Reporting Residency

 Type 2 charter schools are required to report student residency in the MFP student data collection

• Student privacy law (R.S. 17:3914) was amended in 2015 to ensure local districts can more easily share information regarding student residency by entering into a data sharing MOU.

• Districts may submit written request to Type 2 charter school for names and residence for each student reported in EdLink as residing within the school district boundary.

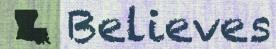
Contact charters@la.gov if you have questions on this process.



MFP - Staff Data Collection

Staff Data Collection via EdLink 360 (October 1 Class: Student and Staff)

- EdLink staff data collection is underway and closes January 13, 2023
 - NEW: EdLink staff collection now allows object code 130 and object code 150 to be accepted for all function codes
- October 1 staffing data collection drives the following funding allocations:
 - Pay Raises 2019-20, 2021-22, & 2022-23 certificated staff and support workers
 - Projected pay raise cost calculated in July will be reconciled to the October staffing data to create a final allocation in March
 - Pay raise guidance may be viewed in the MFP Library



MFP Staff and Student Course Data Collection

October 1 CLASS (Student and Staff)

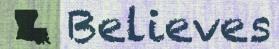
School Year	Snapshot Group	Snapshot End Date		
2022-2023	Oct 1 CLASS	1/13/2023		

This snapshot will capture staff, student, and class schedule data for students enrolled on and staff employed on Oct 1, 2021.

It will also capture data for students enrolled in CTE and CDF courses.

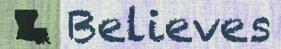
This data is used for:

- Calculating Value Added student growth data (VAM)
- Workforce Reporting
- CTE-Career Tech Education and CDF-Career Development Fund counts (funding),
- Class Size reporting (audit data)
- Interest and Opportunities K-8 class schedules
- For calculating the Interests & Opportunities index



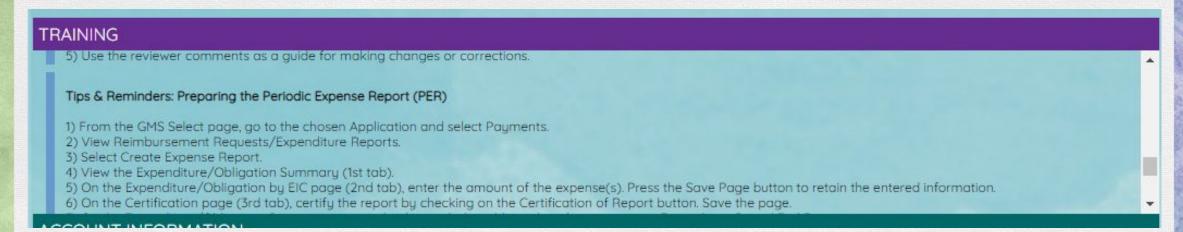
MFP - Mentor Teacher Data Collection

- Mentor Teacher Stipends new in 2022-23
 - \$2,000 allocated for mentors who support year-long undergraduate residents and post-baccalaureate candidates
 - School systems report mentor teacher data in EdLink 360 Staffing in October
 - Resident Teacher and Mentor Teacher Compensation Process webinar



Resources for Periodic Expenditure Reports

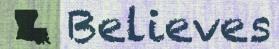
eGMS Login Page



FSGR Library

eGMS 102

Provides instructions on completion of PERs

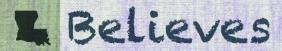




Fiscal Risk Assessment (FRA)

What is the Fiscal Risk Assessment?

- The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education through the Office of Management and Finance in the Louisiana Department of Education is required by Act 7 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana State Legislature to define "financially at risk" as a status of any city, parish, or other local school board the unresolved finding of which subjects the school system and its board to provisions of the law regarding the judicial appointment of a fiscal administrator.
- By law, each city, parish, or other local public school board shall be notified on a regular basis by the state Department of Education of its status related to the elements of the definition of financially at risk.



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- Act 7 does not reduce the independence and responsibility of local school systems and their boards with respect to being responsible for their fiscal status.
- The Louisiana Department of Education will share its information with SBESE and with local school systems, but the Department of Education must rely on information being forthcoming from the local school systems.
- Ultimately, the purpose of Act 7 is to allow the state to be aware of what is
 happening at the local level in terms of financial issues and to assist in resolving
 these problems promptly and in the best interest of the school children in each
 school system



Fiscal Risk Assessment Factors and Next Steps

- BESE will receive a report of the latest FRA results (based on prior year data) at the December 14, 2022 meeting.
- Results will be provided to each system prior to the BESE meeting in edfin FTP secure sites. Questions regarding the scores may be sent to <u>schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov</u>
- Specific follow up instructions will be sent directly to systems categorized as In Corrective Action.
- This <u>FRA presentation</u> will provide details regarding risk factors, actions and reporting.

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