



**Educational Technology
Monthly Call
March 2022**

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Agenda

- [Education Technology Updates](#)
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Suggested participants
for this call:

- Chief Technology Officers
- Information Technology Staff
- E-Rate Coordinators
- Privacy Coordinators
- Digital or Virtual Learning Staff



Education Technology Updates

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- TRT Data Submissions
 - Office Hour Discussion for Summer Data Collection
 - [Form for feedback](#)
- Now you can contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions!

ARP EANS for Non-Public Schools

DEADLINE REMINDER:

The American Rescue Plan Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (ARP EANS) Program is designed to provide Non-Public Schools with services or assistance to address educational disruptions resulting from Covid-19. Schools who meet the eligibility criteria must submit their application by EOD March 31, 2022.

More information can be found within the [federal support and grantee relations library](#).

For questions and application support email ARPinfo@LDOE-EANS.com.

SY 21-22 P-EBT Benefits

Today, March 24 at 10:00 DCFS will hold a training on how to submit SY21-22 P-EBT Benefits. The Link for the event is <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/98060200750>

Following the meeting, Data Managers can begin uploading spreadsheets or entering students in the Administration Portal for SY21-22 P-EBT Benefits. Initial sheets should include all data for August 2021 through February 2022.

Beginning in April, each Tuesday night, submitted and approved P-EBT benefits will be loaded to existing cards and new cards requests will be sent for processing at DCFS's card vendor. New cards will still require a 3-4 week processing and mailing time to arrive.

School systems should encourage parents to create an account in the [Cafe Self Service portal](#) to access the P-EBT parent portal page for specific details on their child's benefits. More information can be found at <http://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/pebt-parent-portal>.

Cybersecurity



IPs & Domains of Interest

Below is a list of IP addresses and domains associated with malware observed by MS-ISAC. School systems should take appropriate action to block known malware sites.

- [IPs & Domains of Interest 2022-02-21 to 2022-02-27](#)
- [IPs & Domains of Interest 2022-02-28 to 2022-03-06](#)
- [IPs & Domains of Interest 2022-03-07 to 2022-03-13](#)
- [IPs & Domains of Interest 2022-03-14 to 2022-03-20](#)
- [Scan & Exploit IPs 2-01-2022 to 2-28-2022](#)

Cyber Advisories & Alerts

Below are the Cyber Advisories and Alerts released by MS-ISAC for March, 2022. The latest advisories and alerts are also available on the Center for Internet Security (CIS) website [here](#).

- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-038: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Google Chrome Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-037: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Apple Products Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-036: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Veeam Backup & Replication Could Allow for Remote Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-035: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Schneider Electric APC Smart-UPS Could Allow for Remote Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-034: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in PTC Axeda Agent and Axeda Desktop Server Could Allow for Remote Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-033: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Adobe Products Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-029: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Mozilla Firefox and Could Allow for Remote Code Execution](#)
- MS-ISAC Advisory # 2022-028: [Multiple Vulnerabilities in Google Chrome Could Allow for Arbitrary Code Execution](#)
- Joint Cyber Advisory AA22-066A: [Chinese APT Activity in State Government Departments, Agencies, and Programs](#)
- MS-ISAC Cyber Alert: [Potentially Malicious IPs Observed Affecting SLTTs 2022-03-02](#)
- West Baton Rouge Parish Schools Cyber Event (False Positive) — [Cisco AMP falsely identified KACE executable \(kusrinit.exe\) as malware.](#)

Join The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center[®] (MS-ISAC[®])

Public K-12 education entities are eligible to join MS-ISAC. Membership is free and joining gives your school access to wide range of benefits and services:

- 24/7 Security Operations Center
- Cybersecurity Advisories, Alerts, and Newsletter emails
- Cybersecurity Awareness and Education resources
- Incident response and digital forensics services
- Monitoring of your public IP ranges and domains for possible compromises
- Access to our Malicious Code Analysis Platform (MCAP)
- Weekly top-malicious domains and IPs report
- Block ransomware with Malicious Domain Blocking and Reporting (MDBR) Service
- Access to cyber security tabletop exercises
- CIS SecureSuite Membership including access to CIS Benchmarks, CIS-CAT Pro, CIS WorkBench, remediation content, and more

Additional information and membership application available [here](#)



**E-Rate,
Affordable Connectivity Program
and
Emergency Connectivity Fund**

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)

FCC announced that there will be a third filing window (“Window 3”) for the Emergency Connectivity Fund, which pays for internet access and laptops/tablets/chromebooks (“Connected Devices”) for students, teachers and library patrons with an **unmet need**. Unmet need means that the student or teacher does not have their own computer and internet service at home that can be used for remote learning.

QUICK SYNOPSIS:

- Window 3 opens April 28 and closes May 13
- ECF will only pay for Internet/Connected Devices to support students, teachers and library patrons with unmet need
- 18 month service period from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 BUT only can seek at most 12 months of funding
- Prohibition against duplicate funding for same time period/same services from ECF Windows 1 & 2 and other COVID relief funding.
- About \$1 Billion in funding available for Internet at home and Laptops/Tablets/Chromebooks (“Connected Devices”)
- Window 1 and 2 combined demand for FY 2021-22 was \$6.4 billion
- Highest discount rural applicants will receive first priority for funding if demand is more than available funds

FCC Orders: [DOC-381645A1.docx](#) | [DOC-381645A1.pdf](#) | [DOC-381645A1.txt](#)

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Updates

The application filing window opens April 28 and closes May 13, 2022. Funding can be used to pay for connected devices and internet services during July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 (18 months). However, you can request no more than 12 months of service costs for internet. And, the service period must be different from the months already paid for with Window 1 and 2 ECF funding. Windows 1 and 2 have a service period that ends June 30, 2023. Funding is available for up to 12 months, and must end by June 30, 2023.

- Windows 1 and 2 – services from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 (only 12 months of service funded)
- Window 3 – services from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 (only 12 months of service funded)
- Service Period overlap – 12 months from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Applicants who previously filed and obtained approval for ECF funding in Windows 1 and 2 will need to explain that their new requests in Window 3 are **not duplicative** of Window 1 and 2 funding. This will have to be explained in the narrative of each funding request.

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Updates

FILING SUGGESTIONS

- If you applied for internet service for students/teachers/patrons during Windows 1 and 2 -
 - Figure out when the 12 month service period will end (depending on when the services are/were activated). Let's call this "Window 1 and 2 service end date."
 - Based on the Window 1 and 2 service end date, determine the number of remaining months through 12/31/2023 for which service is still needed.
 - If less than 12 months, apply for the number of remaining months of service costs.
 - If more than 12 months, you're capped at asking for 12 months of additional funding.
- If you did not apply during Window 1 and 2 for internet or connected devices -
 - Did you buy these services and devices using other COVID relief money? If so, don't apply for ECF because you're not allowed to double dip with ECF and other COVID relief money.
 - If you still need to buy these services/devices, figure out **unmet need** and apply during Window 3.

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Updates

- Keep in mind that ECF demand was \$6.4 billion for Windows 1 and 2. There is about \$1 billion or so available for Window 3.
 - If there is not enough money to fund all requests, rural applicants with a 90% E-rate discount will be first in line to receive funding.

Then urban 90% applicants are next in line.

Then rural 80% applicants are third in line.

Then urban 80% applicants are fourth in line.

And so on.....
 - About 80% of the funding in Windows 1 and 2 was for connected devices. Assuming that these funds will not be needed in Window 3, what I don't know is how many schools/libraries still have a need and did not apply during Windows 1 and 2. I don't know whether funds will run out and if so what is the breakpoint. I will look for number crunches to provide their predictions and share them with you.

E-Rate Important Dates and Reminders

- **March 22** - FY 2022 Form 471 Application Filing Window closes at 11:59 p.m. EDT.
- **March 24** - Form 486 deadline for FY 2021 covering funding committed in Wave 33. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date or from the service start date (typically July 1st), whichever is later. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines are:
 - Wave 34 04/01/2022
 - Wave 35 04/08/2022
 - Wave 36 04/15/2022
- **April 15** - FCC reply comments due on the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Affordable Connectivity Program (“ACP”) ([FCC 22-2](#)). (See article above).
- **April 27** - FCC comments due on the FCC’s proposal to create an E-rate competitive bidding portal ([FCC 21-124](#)). **Reply comments are due May 27th**. Note: These are new extended deadlines [granted](#) last week by the FCC in response to a request filed by a coalition of 27 E-Rate stakeholder organizations.
- **May 26** - Extended FY 2022 application deadline for new Tribal libraries (see [DA 22-231](#)).

Reminders and Other Information



2020-2021 Education Technology Webinar and Office Hours

Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 24, 2022 9:00 AM• April 7, 2022 9:00 AM (Office Hours)• April 28, 2022 9:00 AM• May 12, 2022 9:00 AM (Office Hours)• May 26, 2022 9:00 AM• June 9, 2022 9:00 AM (Office Hours)• June 23, 2022 9:00 AM
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNIN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09
Phone Number	1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 575 223 228 Password: 2020-202!



Registration for the Technology Leadership Summit is OPEN!

Registration for the 2022 Technology Leadership Summit is now **OPEN!** #TLS22 will be held from June 13-15, 2022 at the Marriott Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Joe Sanfelippo, author of *Lead from Where You Are* and *Hacking Leadership*.

Space is limited, so register today! Sessions will be based upon the following strands: Administrative Leadership, Network Administration, Curriculum & Instruction, Data Managers, Instructional Leadership, and Computer Technicians.

The summit cost will be \$125 through May 13, 2022. The regular registration amount of \$150 will apply afterwards. Go to members.lacue.org to register.

If you would like to share your expertise, we are also accepting proposals for all strands. You can submit a proposal at <https://bit.ly/tls22proposal> .

Thank you for joining today's call.

Schedules, access links, and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [LDOE School System Support Calendar](#).

Helpful Links

- [A+PEL PD for Educators](#)
- [LACUE](#)
- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

Support Toolboxes

- [Teacher](#)
- [System](#)
- [Principal](#)
- [Counselor](#)
- [Education Technology Staff](#)

