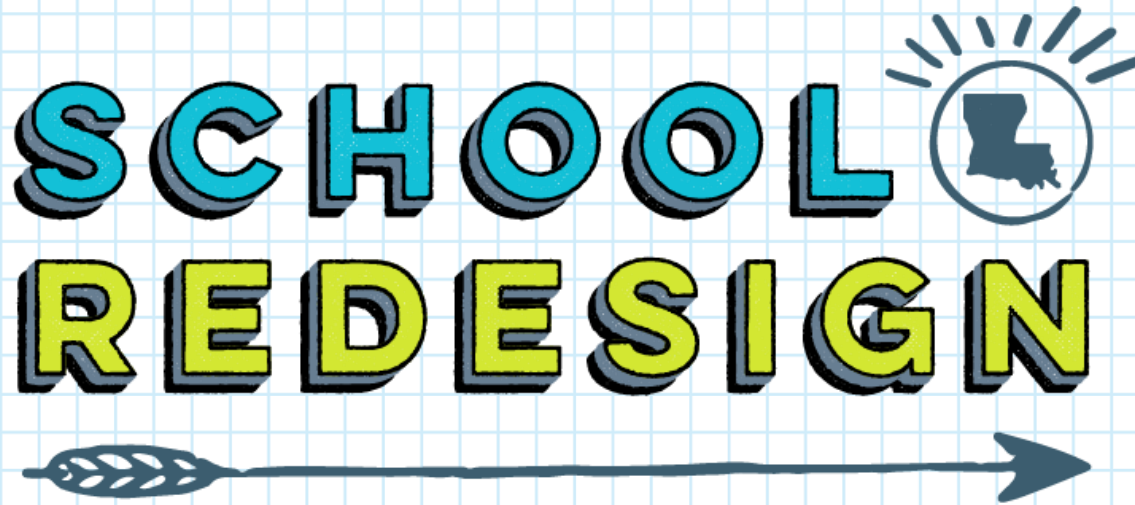


SCHOOL REDESIGN



School Redesign Overview
Supervisor Collaborations – March 14, 15, 16

Objectives

In this session, we will:

- Describe the requirements for school redesign under ESSA,
- Explain Louisiana's school redesign strategy,
- Highlight strong Planning Grant strategies, and
- Provide an update on the School Redesign Grant process.

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Persistently Struggling Schools

Louisiana educators have made progress in reducing the number of students in struggling schools. In 2015, more than 10,000 fewer students attended D and F schools than did in 2013 across the state.

However, a sizable number of schools continually struggle to provide an excellent education to students.

In all:

- 225 schools, 17% of schools, received a letter grade of D or F in each of the 2014, 2015, and 2016 school years.
- 97,441 students attend these schools, 14% of all Louisiana students.

ESSA Requirements

The Every Student Succeeds Act requires that school systems and states intervene with persistently struggling schools.

The state is required to:

- Identify persistently struggling schools
- Award school improvement set aside dollars to school systems that have strong evidence-based plans for improving struggling schools
- Intervene in schools that do not improve over time

School systems are required to:

- Develop an evidence-based school improvement plan for each struggling school within their school system
- Engage local stakeholders in the development of the plan

ESSA Requirements

As part of the plan LDE will submit to the USDOE in April, the state must identify criteria for schools eligible to receive federal school improvement funding.

Currently the criteria for eligibility include:

- Schools receiving a D or F for **each** of the past 3 school years
- A graduation rate less than or equal to 67%

These criteria are subject to review and approval by the USDOE as part of the state's ESSA plan.

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The School Redesign Summit

Each school system will build an evidence-based plan to address challenges at each struggling school. Research shows that struggling schools that improve often rely on support from outside partners.

The Department invited 44 partner organizations who employ evidence-based strategies and have a proven track record of success to the School Redesign Summit. Through a series of quick rotations and then several longer meetings, 350 representatives from 57 school systems had an opportunity to begin brainstorming strategies with these organizations to improve their most struggling schools.

The School Redesign Planning Grant

To continue the discussions which began at the School Redesign Summit, and in order to allow school systems to learn more about potential partner organizations before making a decision about a long term partnership, the Department released the School Redesign Planning Grant in February.

School systems were asked to identify the schools on which they are most focused, identify new redesign partners with which each school system is interested in partnering, and to provide a brief description of what will be accomplished using planning grant funding.

The School Redesign Planning Grant

In Round 1, LDE received a total of 30 applications, ultimately approving 25, allocating \$620,000. These funds will assist school systems in initiating partnerships with 29 different local and national partner organizations.

School systems are using these funds to:

- Have a partner complete a school-level needs assessment to identify specific challenges and areas of need
- Travel to a school where a partner's efforts can be seen first hand
- Have a partner put on professional development for staff modeling strategies that might be implemented
- Begin co-creating plans for comprehensive school improvement

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Draft Timeline

January 19, 2017	School Redesign Summit
March/April 2017	Planning Grant Funds Allocated
April 2017	State submits ESSA plan to USDOE
Fall 2017	LDE releases School Redesign Grant application
Fall 2017	Application submission
Fall 2017	Application review
Winter 2017/2018	Grant awards approved by BESE

The School Redesign Grant

The School Redesign Grant will be released once the state has received federal approval of Louisiana's ESSA plan. At this point, the Department anticipates that to be in August 2017.

Each school system with eligible schools will submit one grant application that outlines the school system's approach to improve each struggling school. Currently, the Department anticipates school systems completing a written application and an interview as part of the School Redesign Grant application process.

The School Redesign Grant

The grant application will align to the pillars of Louisiana's ESSA plan. This plan lays out four important challenges:

1. Fundamental expectations for students and graduates
2. Deep struggles for historically disadvantaged students
3. Fair access to experiences essential for success in school and beyond
4. A stronger educator profession

The School Redesign Grant

In each of the four challenge areas, school systems will be asked to:

1. Analyze the current state in their district and in each school
2. Set goals
3. Describe the evidence based strategies they will use to achieve these goals
4. Explain how the school system will support each school to achieve these goals

Preparing for the Grant

Even though the grant will not be released until later this year, school systems can begin planning for the grant by considering:

1. The current performance of all students (School Report Cards and Principal Profiles)
2. The current performance of subgroups of students (Principal Profiles)
3. Evaluate existing programs and partnerships and use planning grant funds to make decisions about new partnerships
4. Begin considering the changes necessary in each of the 4 ESSA challenge areas at the school system level and at the school level (School Report Cards, Principal Profiles, Educator Workforce Report)

Questions

Next Steps

1. Consider how your school system can begin preparing now for the School Redesign Grant application
2. Monitor LDE communications for announcements and updates pertaining to the School Redesign Grant application process
3. Reach out to your [Delaina Larocque](#), [Shavonne Price](#), or your Network Leader with questions