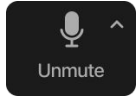
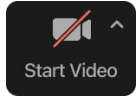


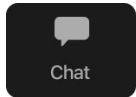
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- Please make sure you have turned off your camera to save bandwidth and prevent any connectivity issues.
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact [LDOEcommunications@la.gov](mailto:LDOEcommunications@la.gov).



# BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Monthly Call



September 10, 2026

# Contact Information

Please add your **name** and **email address** in the chat. A copy of the powerpoint will be sent to you after this meeting.



To access slide decks from previous calls, you may visit the [LDOE Monthly Call](#) webpage.



# Agenda

- Welcome
- Upcoming Submissions
- Material and Non-Material Amendment Deadlines
- School System Financial Services “Highlights”, Dr. Anya Randle
- Charter Outreach for Technology Readiness Tool Data
- Charter School Nurse Professional Development, Susan Dupont, RN
- Diverse Learners Updates
- Questions



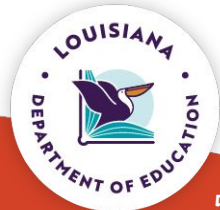
# WELCOME

## Our Goals for BESE Authorized Monthly Calls

We will provide pertinent information and updates.

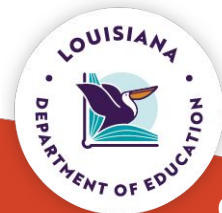
- Being **INTENTIONAL**
- Listening to your requests
- Each month provide reminders and upcoming required submissions from all departments in the LDOE
- Each call will provide leaders with information tied to the Charter School Performance Compact.

\*\*\*REMINDER: Monthly calls are held every 2nd Thursday @ 9:00 am\*\*\*



# Department Accountability

- Office of School Choice
- Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent
- Kaleb Moore, Chief of Staff
- Samantha Carter, Executive Director of Charter Accountability
- Christina Woods, Director of Charter Accountability
- Shantel Reynard, Director of Charter Accountability
- Theresa Jackson, Operations Manager



# Charter Accountability Reporting

Utilize the [Reporting Calendar](#) as a tool for directions, links to forms, and submission due dates.

If you submit to [Charters@la.gov](mailto:Charters@la.gov), also CC your school's Director.

- Christina Woods - [christina.woods@la.gov](mailto:christina.woods@la.gov)
- Shantel Reynard - [shantel.reynard@la.gov](mailto:shantel.reynard@la.gov)

The [Charter School Library](#) is a great resource!

Subscribe to the [LDOE Newsletter](#)!



# 2026 Upcoming Submissions

| August                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | October                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p>Website Compliance</p> <p>Website Self-Assessment</p> <p>Student Handbook</p> <p>New Charter School Student Enrollment Report</p> <p>Louisiana Evaluation System (LES) Opens</p> <p>Teachers SLTs</p> <p>Evaluators Observations</p> <p>Course Choice Fall/Full Year Reporting</p> <p>Students of the Year</p> <p>Cohort Graduation Certification - Collection Opens</p> <p>SPED Camera Policy</p> <p>EdLink 360: Staff EOY Collection</p> <p>Mentor Resident Stipend Spring Data Collection</p> <p>Education Excellence Fund Application Release</p> <p>Alternate Assessment Participation Review</p> <p>FY 2025-26 MFP Forward Funding Request</p> | <p>School Board Disclosure</p> <p>Super App - New Charters</p> <p>Course Choice Fall/Full Year Reporting</p> <p>OSSE - Opens</p> <p>SHSPY - Opens</p> <p>Student Transcript System</p> <p>Literacy Screener for K-3 Gifted Referral Data - BOY</p> <p>ESYS Data and Verification Report</p> <p>IDEA Child Count Setup for Preliminary Runs</p> <p>Personnel Table 2 Setup for Preliminary Runs</p> <p>Act 79 Report</p> <p>FY 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget</p> <p>FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget Form A</p> <p>Annual Financial Report (AFR)</p> <p>Act 370 Report</p> <p>Act 771: High-Dosage Tutoring</p> <p>Alternate Assessment Participation Review</p> | <p>Quarterly Waitlist (Q2)</p> <p>Pupil Progression Plan (PPP)</p> <p>TPOY - Opens</p> <p>NTOTY - Opens</p> <p>ECTL - Opens</p> <p>IDEA Audit</p> <p>IDEA Count</p> <p>APR Indicator Identification for Monitoring</p> <p>IDEA Count Final Run</p> <p>Quarter 1 Financial Report</p> <p>Technology Readiness Tool</p> <p>Health and Physical Education in Schools Survey</p> <p>Alternate Assessment Participation Review</p> |



# Material & Non-Material Amendment Submission Deadlines

| Material Amendment Requests & Supporting Documentation Due to Charter Accountability Team | BESE SIT Committee Meeting |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| No Submissions (Renewal)                                                                  | December 8, 2026           |



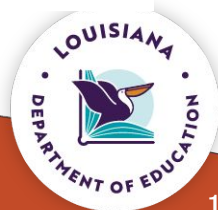
# School System Financial Services “Highlights”

Dr. Anya Randle



# EdLink AFR

- MyLa Accounts and Edlink Profiles should be created, requested and approved prior to submitting the AFR for FY 2025-2026 by following the instructions in the [User Guide for Business Managers](#).
- The EdLink Ops portal will open August 31, 2026 for data collection. The deadline to submit the initial AFR is Wednesday, September 30, 2026.
- Guidance documents will be posted in the Business Manager Support Library in August 2026.



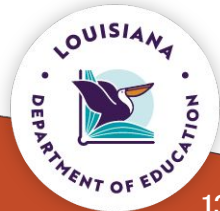
# Executive Order Updates

- The [Executive Order Guidance](#) is available in the MFP Library. This guidance document provides answers to questions on how a school system demonstrates compliance with using the redirected funds governed by Executive Order 26-047.
- Instructions regarding a portal in which school systems will be required to answer questions and upload documents regarding pay raises and/or stipends issued will be available in September.
- Payments to school systems for the Executive Order Allocation will be released upon approval of the information received via the portal.



# Charter Schools Annual Budgets

- The FY 2026-2027 Annual Charter School Operating Budgets were due on July 31, 2026.
- If the Annual Operating Budget submitted by August 1 is not adopted in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, submittal of the budget adopted in accordance with the Budget Act is required no later than September 30.
- A signed and dated Statement of Affirmation must be submitted with the annual budget workbook, which can be found in the Charter School Resources on the [Business Manager Support Library](#) webpage.

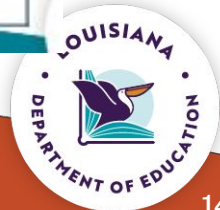


# Upcoming Regional Collaborations

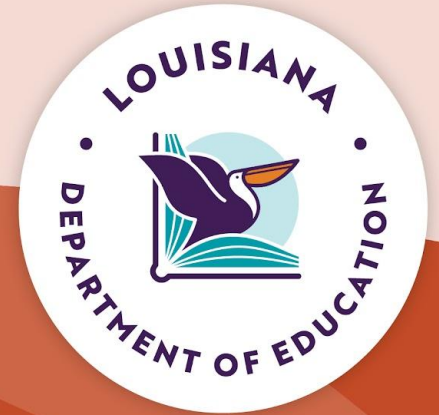
## Schedule: Business Managers Only

These half-day afternoon collaborations will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

| Cohort      | Session 1     | Session 2    | Location                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monroe      | NONE          | Jan 26, 2027 | University of Louisiana Monroe, Bayou Pointe, 1 Warhawk Way, Monroe, LA                                                                                                 |
| Alexandria  | Sept 28, 2026 | NONE         | Rapides Parish School Board Media Center, 502 Beauregard Street, Alexandria, LA                                                                                         |
| Lafayette   | Oct 1, 2026   | Feb 2, 2027  | University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Student Union, 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA                                                                                 |
| Baton Rouge | Sept 30, 2026 | Jan 28, 2027 | September - Cook Hotel & Conference Center, 3838 W. Lakeshore Dr, Baton Rouge, LA<br>January - University View Conference Center, 3113 Valley Creek Dr, Baton Rouge, LA |
| New Orleans | Sept 29, 2026 | NONE         | Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA                                                                                                               |



# Charter Outreach for Technology Readiness Tool Data

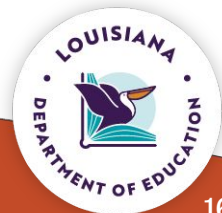


# Technology Readiness Tool Collection

Please share with system IT directors, technology coordinators, education technology staff, and system leaders.

- The Technology Readiness Tool (TRT) collects information about technology infrastructure across Louisiana school systems. The information submitted through the TRT will help LDOE better understand each school system's digital footprint and inform future technology planning, support, and resource needs.
- The 2026–2027 TRT Collection Form is now open and will close on October 15.
- Please contact [digitallearning@la.gov](mailto:digitallearning@la.gov) with any questions.

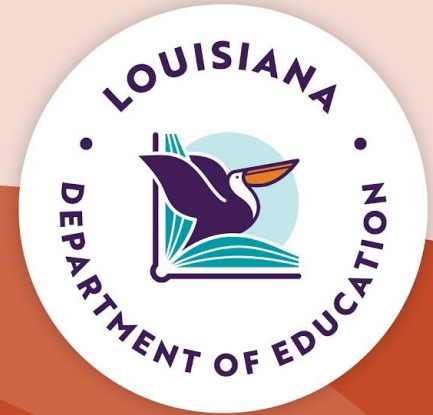
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# Charter School Nurse

Professional Development

Susan Dupont, RN



# Children's Hospital

## Ventilator Assisted Care Program (VACP)

- **Support and Training:** Delivers training and technical assistance to Local School Agency (LEA) personnel to support students with chronic conditions and significant health needs in their educational environments.
- **Statewide Resources:** Provides comprehensive support for students with complex, specialized medical needs across the state.
- **Inclusive Education:** Deploys dedicated staff to train school personnel, ensuring students can successfully remain in their Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).
- **Expert Guidance:** Offers guidance to LEAs and stakeholders regarding the necessary medical, academic, and social factors for successful classroom integration.

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



# Diverse Learners Updates



# Special Education Camera Policy Updates – Act 237 (2026)

Act 237 of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session requires school systems to review and, as necessary, update their local policies regarding cameras in special education classrooms to ensure alignment with the requirements of the new law. Pursuant to R.S. 17:1948, school systems must submit a copy of their local policy to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) within 10 days of any revision to the policy. Updated Special Education Camera policies should be submitted to [educationpolicy@la.gov](mailto:educationpolicy@la.gov).

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



# October 1 IDEA Collection - Child Count

LDOE is required to annually report the number of students with disabilities receiving special education and related services on the state's child count date (October 1).

To be included in the official child count, a student must have the following:

- Current evaluation as of October 1
- Current IEP as of October 1
- Receiving services as of October 1



# October 1 Collection - Child Count

Reports to run to verify data:

- Counted and Not Counted
- IDEA Child Count Summary
- Federal Evaluation Listing and Summary
- FAPE Placement
- SIS/SER Cross Check and Cross Check IDEA Count

The official child count will run on **October 28th**. Any update to data after this date, will not be reported or used in funding or reporting.

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



# October 1 Collection - SPED Personnel

LDOE is also required to annually report the number of special education and related services personnel on the state's child count date (October 1).

Reports to run to verify data:

- Personnel Detail and Summary
- Service Listing

SPED Personnel data must be accurate for official IDEA child count.

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



# 26-27 Collection and Reporting Calendar

- Created to provide LEAs with Special Education timelines
- Includes timelines for Data Collections, Report Releases, Accommodation timeline prior to test.
- General dates in the calendar will be updated with specific dates as the dates are set.
- Date will continue to be published in the newsletter and the Diverse Learner call.

To access the live version of the calendar, use this [link](#).

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



# Save the Date

## Charter Refresher

**Date:** September 15, 2026

**Location:** East Baton Rouge Professional Development Center  
3000 N. Sherwood Forest Blvd. Baton Rouge, 70814

### **Session topics include:**

- Assessment & Accountability Overview
- Data Management
- Financial Submissions, Audits, and Due Dates
- Charter Compliance Updates

**[Charter School Refresher Registration](#)**



# Questions

For further inquiries, please reach out to

Charter Accountability

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Directors of Charter Accountability

[Shantel.Reynard@la.gov](mailto:Shantel.Reynard@la.gov)

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# Upcoming BESE-Authorized Charter Monthly Call

October 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

