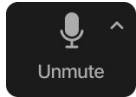
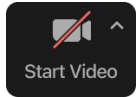


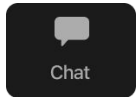
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System Leaders Call



April 5, 2024

ESSER III Opportunities

- The message in the [March 26 LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) included information about an additional grace period we are providing systems, upcoming resources we plan to share, and guidance on a few key areas for spending remaining funds.
 - Sharing an [additional link to the message](#) as a PDF letter
- We encourage spending remaining funds in a few key areas if your budget allows:
 - Teachers
 - Summer Programs
 - Tutoring
- School systems and system leaders have done a great job with spend-down on ESSER I and II, utilizing over 99% of available funds.

Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov.



K-12 Accountability Engagement Survey

- BESE directed the LDOE to deliver for consideration and vote at the June 2024 BESE meeting a revised, comprehensive K-12 accountability system.
- We developed a [brief survey](#) designed to gather stakeholder feedback.
- [This public survey](#) opened Monday and will close April 11.
- Your responses are valued and confidential.



Agenda

- I. Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations
- II. Teaching and Learning
- III. Assessments, Accountability, and Analytics
- IV. Career and College Readiness
- V. School Choice
- VI. School System Relations
- VII. Early Childhood
- VIII. Questions



Governmental, Administrative, Public Affairs, and Operations

Ken Bradford, Chief of Staff



ESSER III Amended Liquidation Protocols

To afford LEAs the fullest range of flexibility in drawing down the ESSER III funding, LDOE has implemented amended liquidation protocols given the recent flexibilities provided by ED.

Amended protocols apply to ESSER III funding only and allow additional time to liquidate:

- Goods
- Services
- Construction projects

Contracts must still be in place and purchase order requisitions must be submitted by September 30, 2024. LEAs will have until December 16, 2024 to receive goods and complete services and construction projects.

Access the [March FSGR monthly call deck](#) for guidance and additional information.

Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov.



2024-2025 Super App

School systems that have met all applicable approval and funding criteria through the 2024-2025 Super App recently received an Approval, Funding, and Implementation (AFI) Summary document via email.

The purpose of this AFI Summary document is to:

- Share the results of the LDOE's review of the proposed CIR/UIR strategy and requests for competitive funds
- Identify eligible expenditures for any awarded funds
- Identify recommended steps for the implementation of an approved CIR/UIR strategy

The 2024-2025 Super App allocations are scheduled to go to April BESE and are pending BESE approval.

Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov.
Include "School System Planning" in the subject line.



School System Planning Key Dates

Action	Timeline
Allocations loaded in Super App	May 1
Super App grant period begins	July 1

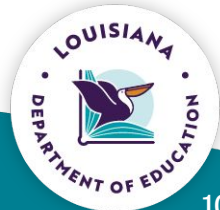
Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov.



Summer Feeding Application Timelines

Sponsor Type	Non-Congregate Site Requests	Summer Feeding Applications
School Food Authorities	April 15, 2024	May 31 or >14 days before operations

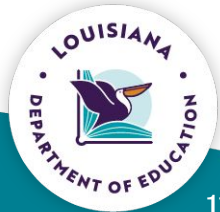
Please contact childnutritionprograms@la.gov.



GAPA & Operations Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Federal Support and Grantee Relations	April 18 at 10 a.m.
Nutrition Support	May 7 at 1 p.m.

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Teaching and Learning

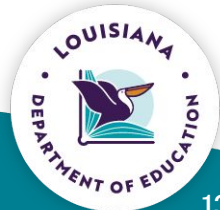
Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent



Teacher Leader Summit Superintendent Track

- [Teacher Leader Summit](#) sessions will be released in Cvent on April 19. A robust superintendent track of sessions has been created. These sessions will be flagged for superintendent attendance in Cvent.
- Teacher Leader Summit is currently sold out. Please use the [registration link](#) to be added to the waitlist. The waitlisted attendees will be notified of acceptance as space becomes available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com.

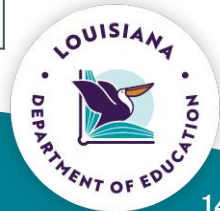


LEADS Informational Webinars

Informational webinars will provide an overview of LEADS for target audiences prior to the [summer training](#) and learning year. Topics include policy updates, evaluation components, and the evaluation process.

Webinar Call Title	Zoom Link
Superintendents and System-Level Leaders	April 17 at 9 a.m.
School-Level Leaders	April 17 at 11:30 a.m.
Counselors	April 22 at 12 p.m.
Teachers: Option 1	April 22 at 3:30 p.m.
Teachers: Option 2	April 24 at 4 p.m.

Please contact leads@la.gov.



Literacy and Summer Learning

- All third and fourth grade students below proficiency must attend 30 hours of summer learning (Bulletin 1566).
- Consider including this year's second grade students who are below proficiency to prevent possible third grade retention according to Act 422 (2023 Legislative Session).
- [Family Summer Support Toolkit](#)
- [Steve Carter Literacy Tutoring Program](#)
- [Family Grab and Go's](#)



Teaching and Learning Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Educational Technology	<u>April 11 at 9 a.m.</u>
Certification	<u>April 15 at 10:30 a.m.</u>
Diverse Learners Office Hours	<u>April 23 at 2 p.m.</u>
Teaching and Learning	<u>April 24 at 1 p.m.</u>

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Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

Thomas Lambert, Assistant Superintendent



Assessment Literacy Initiative Webinar Series

The [Effective Assessment Practices Webinar Series](#) provides opportunities for Louisiana educators to learn about and discuss the most important and practical assessment topics.

April Topic: Local Assessment System Audits: How Do Teachers and Leaders Know if the Collection of Assessments They Administer is Any Good? (Part 2)

April 11
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (recorded)
4:30 to 5 p.m. Optional Q&A

[Zoom Link](#)
Webinar Phone Number: 646 931 3860
Webinar ID#: 879 0485 5592
Passcode: 418123

Please contact assessment@la.gov.



Assessment Educator Committees

- The Division of Assessment Content is now recruiting educators for LEAP 2025 summer committees for math item reviews and social studies data reviews.
- Interested educators should access the [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees](#) document for information on exact dates, meeting details, and links and deadlines to apply to participate on specific committees.
- The deadline to complete these applications is April 23.

Please contact assessment@la.gov.



K-3 Literacy Screener Updates

- Administration Window: April 1-30 as updated in the [2023-2024 Assessment Calendar](#)
- K-2 screener forms are secure and designed only for use with the Louisiana end of year screeners. The screener is 100% online.
- Grade 3 continues to have a paper option, but scores must be added to the mCLASS statewide system as the student is screened. Multiple student record uploads are not an option for scoring.

Please contact assessment@la.gov.



Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
EdLink 360 Tuesday Office Hours	<u>Tuesdays at 11 a.m.</u>
EdLink 360 Data Coordinator	<u>April 11 at 1 p.m.</u>
Assessment and Accountability	<u>April 16 at 3:45 p.m.</u>
eScholar Office Hours	<u>April 18 at 10 a.m.</u>

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Career and College Readiness

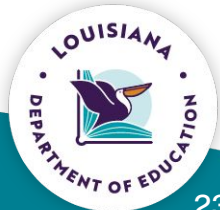
Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent



FAFSA Update

- The [linked memorandum](#) outlines the updated FAFSA policy for next school year.
- This policy change will be effective starting with the graduation cohort of 2024-2025
- LEAs must ensure that each student receives adequate support in completing and submitting an application for financial aid.
- An updated parent and student financial aid planning toolkit will be made available to school systems.

Please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov with questions.

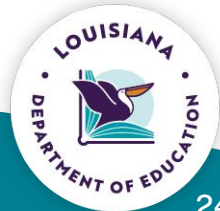


2024 School Safety Summit

- Save the date for the 2024 Louisiana School Safety Summit
 - July 10-11
 - Virtual event
 - Registration coming soon



Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Child Welfare and Attendance	<u>April 11 at 8 a.m.</u>
Alternative Education Community of Practice	<u>April 11 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>April 18 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>April 25 at 2 p.m.</u>

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School Choice

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent

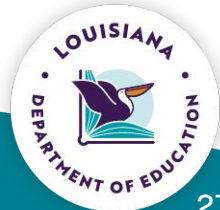


2023-2024 Charter Application Process

- **Next RFA Milestone for System Leaders:**
 - **May 10:** LDOE will notify relevant local system leaders and legislators of any Type 2 charter applications that have been submitted within their districts.
- **Charter Application & Authorization Contact:**

Megan Thompson
Education Deputy Advisor
megan.thompson2@la.gov

Please contact megan.thompson2@la.gov.



Charter Schools Program Grant - RFA

- In September of 2023, the LDOE was awarded a \$55.5 million federal Charter Schools Program (CSP) grant to support Louisiana's charter schools.
- The [Request for Applications](#) (RFA) is now available on our website.
- All information on the CSP grant can be found on the [Charter Schools Program Grant](#) page on our website.

Please contact charters@la.gov.



School Choice Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Local Authorizer	<u>April 10 at 11 a.m.</u>
BESE-Authorized Charter	<u>April 11 at 9 a.m.</u>

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School System Relations

Trey Folsie, Assistant Superintendent



State-Level Honorees Announced

- State-Level Honorees
 - [2025 Louisiana Teacher and Principal of the Year Semifinalists](#)
 - [2025 New Teacher of the Year Finalists](#)
 - [2025 Early Childhood Teacher and Leader of the Year Finalists](#)
- 18th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala
 - World War II Museum
 - July 27, 2024
 - Co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#)

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov for Teacher/Principal of the Year, laurie.carlton@la.gov for New Teacher of the Year and shallan.jones@la.gov for Early Childhood Teacher/Leader of the Year.



Early Childhood Care and Education

Mellynn Baker, Assistant Superintendent



Early Childhood Care and Education

- The LDOE administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant, a block grant of federal monies distributed to the states to support early childhood (EC) development and learning.
- The LDOE is currently developing the 2025-2027 CCDF State Plan, which will include information about the Department's plan for administering licensing, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), Child Care Criminal Background Checks (CCCBCs), EC workforce investments, EC quality improvements, and EC access improvements.
- The CCDF grant provides funding to improve the health and safety of children in child care, enhance the quality of child care, and increase access to families.

Share questions or input for the CCDF State Plan at earlychildhood@la.gov.

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov.



Early Childhood Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Office Hours	April 9 at 3 p.m. April 23 at 3 p.m.

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Questions



Thank you for joining today's call!

Our next System Leaders Call is Friday, May 3 at 9 a.m.

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

Helpful Links

- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

Support Toolboxes

- [Teacher](#)
- [System](#)
- [Principal](#)
- [Counselor](#)

