

System Leaders Monthly Call



November 7, 2025

Office of Chief of Staff

Ken Bradford, Chief of Staff



School System Planning

The 2026-2027 Super App, [Next Level Vision for Success School System Planning & Budgeting Workbook](#), is now available.

New for 2026-2027

- Louisiana will administer Direct Student Services (DSS) as a competitive grant opportunity to support local innovation aligned with state priorities. This application will be included in Super App for 2026-2027.
- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that schools implementing a schoolwide program develop a Title I Schoolwide Plan. This year, LDOE will include a template as an optional planning tool in Super App.
- LEAs will be required to identify ESSA-required comprehensive support and improvement strategies to improve student outcomes. New labeled sites and those that did not submit for 2025-2026 will be required to submit. All others can amend as needed.

Please contact LDOEoperations@la.gov with questions.
Include “School System Planning” in the subject.



School System Planning Key Dates

Date	Item
October 30	<u>2026-2027 School System Planning and Budgeting Workbook</u> released
December 31	Final 2025-2026 ESSA formula funds loaded in Super App
January	2026-2027 Super App (competitive portion) due
Feb.-March	LDOE reviews competitive Super App submissions and provides feedback on plans and budgets
Feb.-May	School systems conduct nonpublic school consultations
April	Super App competitive allocations sent to BESE for approval
May 1	Allocations for 2026-2027 loaded in Super App
June 30	Deadline to submit 2026-2027 Super App Amendment 1
July 1	2026-2027 Super App grant period begins; Systems begin implementing 2026-2027 School System Plan

Office of Chief of Staff Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Federal Support and Grantee Relations	<u>November 20 at 10 a.m.</u>
Nutrition Support	<u>December 2 at 1 p.m.</u>
Attendance	<u>December 4 at 8 a.m.</u>
Super App Office Hours	<u>December 4 at 10 a.m.</u>

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Office of Policy and Governmental Affairs

Ashley Townsend, Assistant Superintendent



HR 346 (2025) Survey

[HR 346](#) (2025) requires LEAs to report their strategic plans for current and anticipated vacant school properties for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please submit the following through the [JotForm Link](#):

- School district name and contact information.
- School properties currently or anticipated to become vacant during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Strategic plans and timelines for disposition and security of school buildings and properties.

The deadline for submission is **December 31**.

Please contact educationpolicy@la.gov with questions.



Teaching and Learning

Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Deputy Superintendent



Flashcards for Math Fluency

When used intentionally, flashcards can help all students build math skills and confidence - especially those who may struggle with traditional lessons.

Flashcards can be used to:

- reinforce foundational math skills;
- build fluency through repeated practice;
- actively engage students in learning games and activities; and
- make math practice hands-on, interactive, and fun.

Visit our [Math Fluency page](#) to view classroom-ready activities for using flashcards.

Simple tools. Powerful practice. Lasting results.

FLASHCARDS FOR MATH FLUENCY



Please contact math@la.gov with questions.



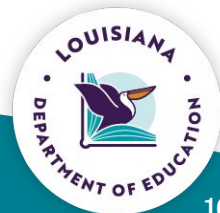
Professional Learning Roadmap

The [2025 Professional Learning Roadmap](#) intends to guide and support school systems and school leaders in their implementation of the essential professional learning structures:

- School system level instructional leadership team;
- School level instructional leadership team; and
- Teacher collaboration.

The roadmap also includes LEADS guidance for system and school leaders.

Please contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with questions.



2025-2026 Health and PE in Schools Survey

State law requires the LDOE to monitor and evaluate health, recess, physical activity, and employee training in schools, and to provide an annual report to the Louisiana Legislature.

- Please complete the [Health and Physical Education in Schools Survey](#) shared in last month's Principal's Newsletter.
- Participation ensures Senate and House Committees receive accurate, high-quality data.
- Deadline for school leaders to complete the survey has been extended to **November 10.**

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.



2025-2026 Physical Education Standards Review

- BESE approved the [2025-2026 Physical Education Standards Review Committee](#) on October 15.
- [Committee meetings](#) began on October 29 and will continue through February 2026.
- [Feedback](#) regarding the current Louisiana K-12 Physical Education Standards can be submitted until **November 15**.
- Additional information is available on the [PE Standards Overview](#) and [FAQ](#) pages.



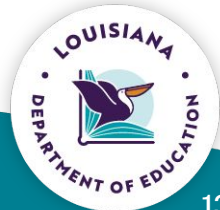
Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.



International Associate Teacher Recruitment

- The 2026-2027 International Associate Teacher (IAT) Program recruitment cycle began on November 1.
- Any school or school system interested in recruiting an IAT of French, Mandarin, or Spanish should reference the [Louisiana International Associate Teacher Program Guide](#) for more information on recruitment guidelines and timelines.
- To request an IAT for the 2026-2027 school year, school systems should complete the [2026-2027 IAT Projected Needs Form](#) by **January 15, 2026**.

Please contact language.acquisition@la.gov with questions.





Computer Science Technical Assistance Grant (CSTAG)

- All public school and public charter K-12 school systems may apply for up to \$40,000 for computer science teacher training and technology support.
- The [application process](#) for the 2026-2027 school year is available through Super App.

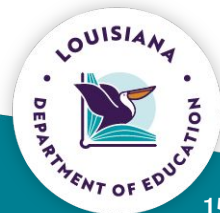
Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.



October 1 Staff Vacancy Collection

- The October 1 Staff Vacancy Collection snapshot will take place on November 13. School systems are asked to have final vacancy totals entered by 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 12**.
- Accurate vacancy data ensures that funding is properly allocated to school systems reporting vacancies.

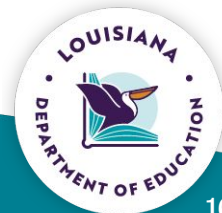
Please contact LouisianaLeaders@la.gov with questions.



Value Added Measure (VAM) Release

- VAM results are now available in the [Louisiana Educator Portal](#) for each employee receiving VAM.
- The complete VAM reports will be available to system leaders by November 13.
- The [Value-Added Frequently Asked Questions](#) resource can assist systems with VAM related questions.

Please contact LEADS@la.gov with questions.



Praxis Testing Update

On October 1, Educational Testing Services launched [Free After Three](#), a new program that offers eligible Praxis test takers a free retake after three attempts.

To qualify, candidates must:

- Have their first test attempt on or after October 1, 2025.
- Have three or more registrations for the same test title.
- Have reported scores for each of those attempts.
- Be within five years of the date your third attempt scores were reported.

Additional details can be found on the [Free After Three flyer](#) on www.teachlouisiana.net.

Please contact certification@la.gov with questions.



Alternate Assessment Participation Review

- Any school system with more than 1% of students participating in the ELA, math or science alternate assessment should have submitted a participation review request.
- Once submitted, school systems should conduct a self-assessment to confirm eligibility for their students assessed on LEAP Connect.
- The LDOE will provide a justification form to school systems whose participation rate exceeds the 1% threshold by November 12.

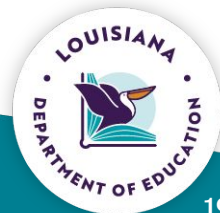
Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.



LEA Determinations

- The LDOE is required to issue a determination to each school system on its provision of special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- The federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 draft LEA determinations are available in the data management file transfer portal (ftp). School systems should review their determination and request clarification by **November 21**.

Please contact specialeducation@la.gov with questions.



Teacher Leader Summit

- Educators interested in presenting at Teacher Leader Summit 2026 can visit the [TLS 2026 landing page](#) for [submission guidelines](#) and a webinar overview. The application window is now open and closes **December 5**.
- For further questions or support, join us for [Presenter Submission Office Hours](#) on **November 19 at 10 a.m.**

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.



Teaching and Learning Monthly Calls

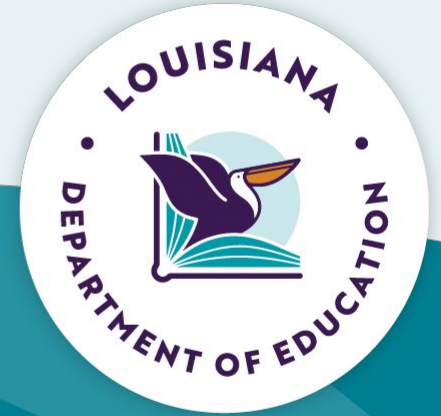
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
EdTech	<u>November 13 at 9 a.m.</u>
Certification	<u>November 17 at 10:30 a.m.</u>
Numeracy Training Office Hours	<u>November 19 at 9 a.m.</u>
Preparation Provider	<u>November 26 at 10 a.m.</u>
Teaching and Learning	<u>December 3 at 1 p.m.</u>
Diverse Learner Office Hours	<u>December 9 at 2 p.m.</u>

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Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics

Thomas Lambert, Assistant Superintendent



Assessment Development Educator Review Committees

The Office of Assessment, Accountability, and Analytics will convene assessment committees for the LEAP and LEAP Connect assessments in January to:

- Review newly developed LEAP Connect items for alignment and content-related criteria and;
- Review proposed English Language Arts passages to ensure they are content aligned, clearly worded with grade-appropriate language, and appropriate for all Louisiana students.

Interested educators should access the [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees document](#) for information on exact dates, meeting details, and links to apply to participate on specific committees. The deadline to complete the applications is **November 13**.

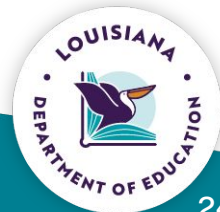
Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.



2024-2025 School & Center Performance Scores

- School and Center Performance Scores/Profiles for the 2024-2025 academic year will be released in the coming weeks.
- The [Louisiana School and Center Finder](#) will be updated at the beginning of 2026.

Please contact accountability@la.gov for questions.



EdLink Ops - SPS Portal Launch

The new Sponsor Site Portal launched on November 3. All requests to open, close, or update school information should now be submitted through the portal.

LDOE will continue to host [Zoom trainings](#) on November 10 from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Please [register](#) prior to attending.

In addition, LDOE will host [Support Office Hours](#) via Zoom throughout November.

- Tuesdays: 1 p.m.–2 p.m.
- Thursdays: 9 a.m.–10 a.m.

Please submit a ticket to the [Data Systems Support Portal](#) for questions or additional information.

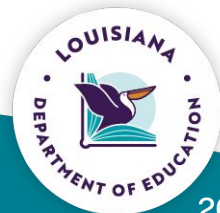


Numeracy Screening: District Administered Collection Update

All school systems should be following the [Interim Guidance for Math Numeracy Screeners](#) to administer their own system-level K-3 numeracy screener for all three windows.

UPDATE: Middle-of-year and end-of-year data from the system-selected screeners will not be required submissions to EdLink 360. Schools are still required to follow the guidance linked above, but will not be required to submit their data to LDOE.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.



EdLink 360 Data Collections

- Staff vacancies for the 2025-2026 school year must be submitted to EdLink 360 by **November 12**, no later than 5 p.m.
- The Dropout Corrections Module in EdLink 360 will close for modifications to 2024-2025 enrollment records on **December 18**.
- These data are used on the School Performance Profile and reported nationally.

Please submit a ticket to the [Data Systems Support Portal](#) for questions or additional information.



Assessments, Accountability, & Analytics Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
eScholar Office Hours	<u>November 13 at 10 a.m.</u>
EdLink Weekly Q&A Session	<u>November 18 at 11 a.m.</u>
Assessment and Accountability	<u>November 18 at 3 p.m.</u>
Data Coordinator Monthly Webinar	<u>December 4 at 1 p.m.</u>

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Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent



Fall 2025 Counselor Institute Sessions

Registration is required and still available for the remaining face-to-face session options for the Counselor Institute.

Face-to-face sessions will focus on interactive, hands-on activities and collaborative planning based on the information acquired during the webinar series on [attendance initiatives](#), [K-12 vertical alignment](#), and [the secondary-postsecondary connection](#).

Remaining In-Person Working Session Options:

- November 14: [Caddo Parish](#)
- November 20: [East Baton Rouge Parish](#) (*waitlist*)

Please contact candace.joseph@la.gov with questions.



ACTE Work-Based Learning Professional of the Year

- The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is now accepting [nominations](#) for the **2026 Work-Based Learning Professional of the Year Award**. This national award recognizes outstanding WBL educators who design high-quality, real-world experiences that prepare students for success.
- Nominees must be current work-based learning professionals and members of the ACTE WBL Division. Areas of recognition include student success, innovation, advocacy, leadership, and student organization involvement.
- The winner will be honored at the National Work-Based Learning Conference in Providence, Rhode Island in April 2026. The deadline to [apply](#) is **December 19**.

Please contact candace.ioseph@la.gov with questions.



AI Powered: Python Pilot Update

AI Powered CTE Professional Development Pilot focuses on strengthening educator capacity to teach Computer Science and Python using AI in CTE programs. 15 parishes will be selected to participate and supported through ongoing mentorship and an AI Toolkit.

- [Applications](#) due **December 15**
- Phase 1: Teacher fluency (Spring 2026)
- Phase 2: Classroom implementation (Fall 2026)

Please contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



Industry Based Credential Bundles Update

- Louisiana Works (formerly LA Workforce Commission) will lead the development of additional bundles.
- Bundles will be shared with key stakeholders, economic development organizations, LCTCS, and LDOE to ensure alignment with post-secondary pathways.
- Additional reviews will be conducted by business and industry associations and other partners.

Please contact ibccouncil@lwc.la.gov with questions.



Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

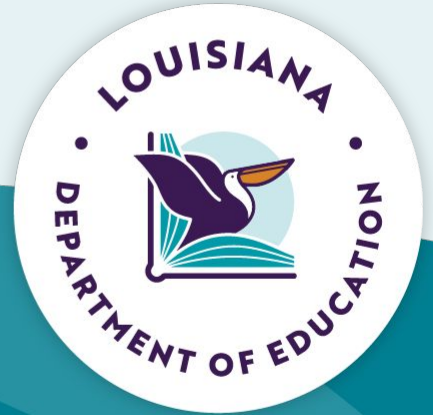
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Alternative Education	<u>November 13 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>November 20 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>January 22 at 2 p.m.</u>

Please contact tireka.cobb2@la.gov with questions.



School Choice

Germain Gilson, Assistant Superintendent



Charter Authorization Updates

Key Dates for the Local Authorizing

- November 7, 2025: Local boards [notify](#) LDOE and state legislators of charter applications received within each district
- January 29, 2026: Deadline to consider charter applications
- January 30, 2026: Deadline to [notify](#) LDOE of local board recommendations

Note: If the district has not made a decision by January 29, 2026, the applicant is eligible to appeal to BESE.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



Charter Authorization Updates

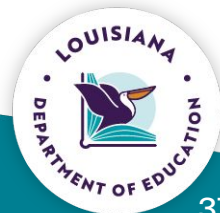
2025-2026 Annual RFA Informational Sessions

The Office of School Choice will host informational sessions for eligible applicants this fall. Informational sessions will be offered twice monthly and are designed for applicants applying as a Type 2 or 4 charter.

[Registration](#) is open for the dates listed below.

- November 17 at 10 a.m.
- December 8 or 15 at 10 a.m.
- January 5 or 12 at 10 a.m.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



Charter Accountability

- The Website Compliance Review will begin in December. Use the [2025-2026 Website Self-Assessment Tool](#) as a guide to ensure all content required is available on the school's website.
- All outstanding submissions should be submitted before winter break. Refer to the [2025-2026 Reporting Calendar](#) for due dates and descriptions.

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



CSP Supplemental Funding

The LDOE and the Office of School Choice has secured an additional \$13.5 million in federal funding for charter schools to be applied to Louisiana's priority initiatives. The competitive application will open December 1 in eGMS.

- Applications from charter schools are due by **December 19**. (Type 1, 3, and 4 Charters may receive an early due date from their local authorizer to allow time for adequate submission into eGMS.)
- Informational sessions will be held every Friday at 10 a.m. starting on November 7. Please use the [scheduling link](#) to receive an invite.

Please contact cspgrant@la.gov with questions.



School Choice Monthly Calls

Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Local Authorizer	<u>November 12 at 11 a.m.</u>
BESE-Authorized Charter	<u>November 13 at 9 a.m.</u>

Please contact charters@la.gov with questions.



School System Relations

Trey Folse, Assistant Superintendent



America's Field Trip

- 125 first-place winners (plus a chaperone) will receive a three-day, two-night trip to a historical or cultural site (July–August 2026).
- 125 second-place winners will each receive \$500, and three educators will earn \$1,000 each.
- Winners will be notified in late April 2026.
(Note: Previous first- or second-place winners from the last two contests are ineligible.)
- Visit America250.org/FieldTrip or scan the QR code to learn more. Link to [Flyer](#).



Deadline: Monday, March 30, 2026 at 5 p.m.PT/8 p.m. ET.



Students of the Year

- Students of the Year Applications
 - Due November 14
 - Overall school system honorees-grades 5, 8, and 12
- Student Awards

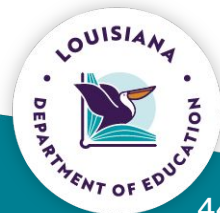
Please contact exemplaryeducator@la.gov with questions.



School Support, Health Provider, and Physical Activity Awards

- School Support, Health Provider, and Physical Activity Applications
 - Due December 9
- Online Application Portals:
 - [Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year](#)
 - [School Health Service Provider of the Year](#)
 - [School Physical Activity Awards](#)
- Informational Call for Candidates and Stakeholders
 - [Webinar Zoom Details](#)
- [Awards Page](#)

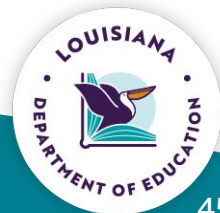
Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.



Teacher and Principal of the Year

- Teacher and Principal of the Year Applications
 - Due in the online portals by January 14
- Informational Call for Coordinators
 - [November 18 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Informational Call for Candidates
 - [November 18 at 4 p.m.](#)
- [Staff and Educator Awards Page](#)

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.



Early Childhood Care and Education

Barry Carter, Assistant Superintendent

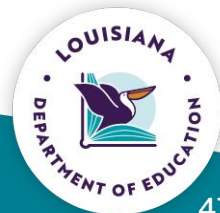


Coordinated Enrollment Planning

November marks the start of the Early Childhood Coordinated Enrollment planning and submission window.

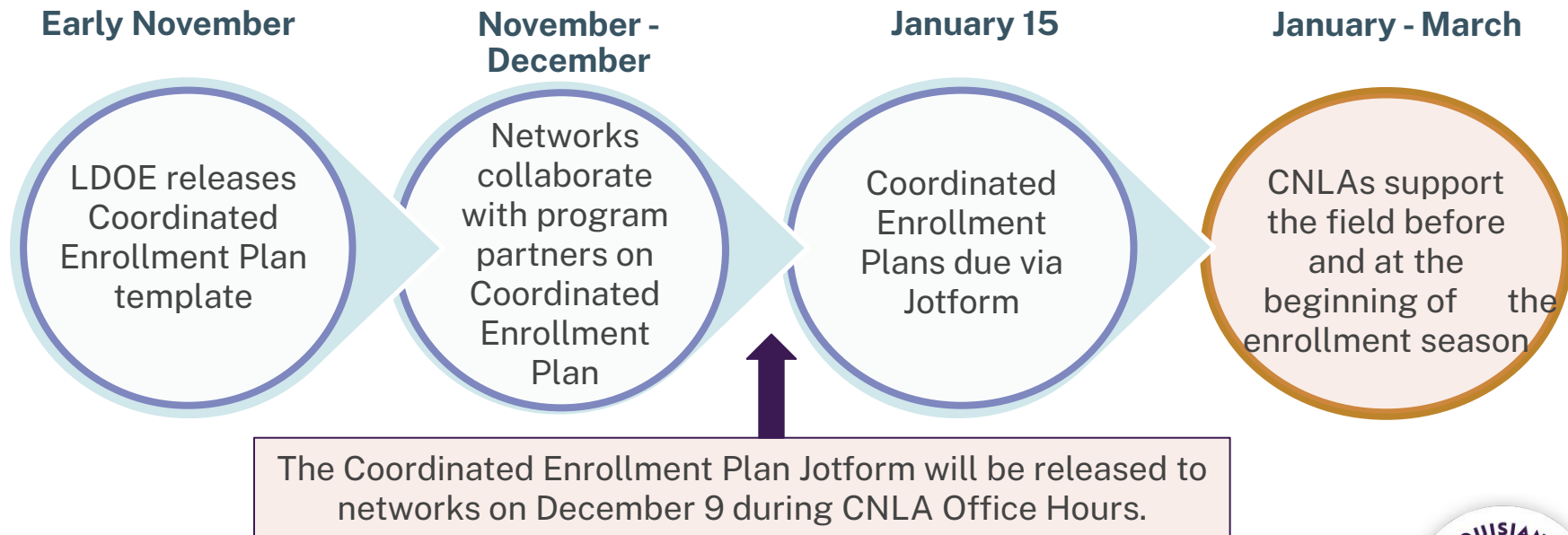
- Community Network Lead Agencies (CNLAs) should begin the process of completing their Coordinated Enrollment Plans for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Networks should engage all program partners (e.g., providers, community stakeholders, and families) to complete the Coordinated Enrollment Plan in full, so that the LDOE may understand and evaluate the effectiveness of child enrollment practices across Louisiana.
- The 2026-2027 Coordinated Enrollment Plan template will be e-mailed to all CNLAs in early November.

Please contact earlychildhood@la.gov with questions.



Coordinated Enrollment Timeline

Coordinated Enrollment Plan Deadline: January 15, 2026, via Jotform



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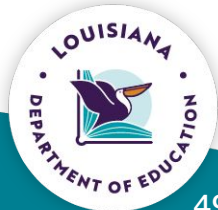


Office of Early Childhood Care and Education Monthly Calls

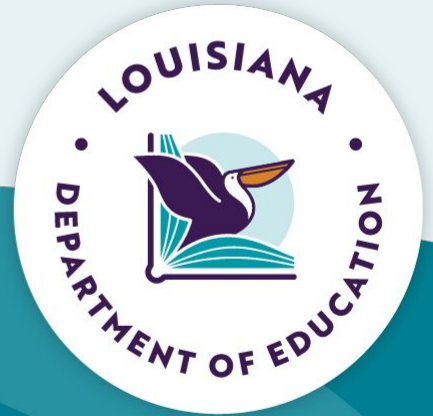
Monthly Call Title	Zoom Link
Early Childhood Community Network Office Hours	<u>December 9 at 3 p.m.</u>

Note: *There will be no Early Childhood Office Hours in November due to the Veterans Day holiday.*

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Questions



Thank you for joining today's call!

Our next System Leaders Monthly Call is Friday, December 5 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

- [LDOE Website](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)

Support Toolboxes

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

