



Educational Technology Monthly Call

April 13, 2023

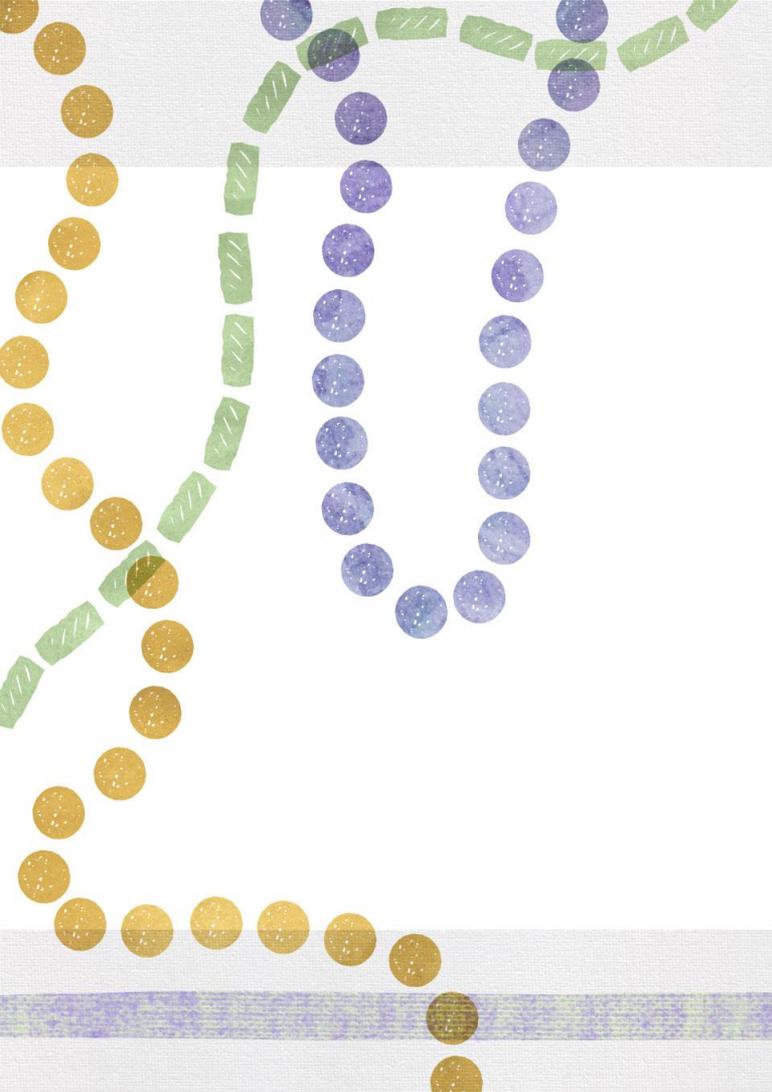
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Agenda

- [Digital Learning Updates](#)
- [Cybersecurity](#)
- [Emergency Connectivity Fund, E-Rate, and ACP](#)
- [Important Reminders and Other Information](#)

Suggested participants
for this call:

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

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Digital Learning Updates



Urgent: Technology Contacts

- For cybersecurity and funding information, please update your contacts as soon as possible. If you are unsure if your school system has submitted, please submit again.
- Submit [this](#) form to update contact information.

Contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.

LaCUE Technology Leader Summit

**Heading into a New Frontier
with Technology!**



LACUE
Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators

REGISTER TODAY!
June 12-14, 2023
<https://bit.ly/lacuetls23>

#TLS23
Marriott in Baton Rouge

Registration Opens: 3/17/23
\$125.00
Early Bird Ends: 5/15/23 (\$125)
Call for Proposals:
3/17/23 - 5/5/23

Keynote: *Jimmy Casas*



- Registration for the LACUE Technology Leader Summit June 12-14 is now open.
- Proposal window is open until May 5 and can be submitted at bit.ly/lacuetls23

Empower EdTech Conference



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#EMPOWER
EDTECH CONFERENCE

Join us for a day filled with opportunities to collaborate and be inspired with innovation in educational technology that can #EMPOWER you and your students!

REGISTER NOW

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COLLABORATE
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EMPOWER

Starts At **5 MAY 9AM**

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- LACUE and the College of Education at Louisiana Tech University will be hosting the EMPOWER EdTech Conference May 5.
- Registration is free.
- Proposals are due by April 14.

Update: Request for EdTech and Cyber Security Plans

- This information will not be shared or published and only used for information purposes.
- If your school system has written an Acceptable Use Policy including Artificial Learning, please consider it sending it to support understanding on how our school systems are addressing this.
- Also, if your school system has an EdTech Plan and/or Cybersecurity Plan, please send a copy or link to digitallearning@la.gov.
- We plan on using these plans to understand key initiatives across our state and ensure that those items are in SuperApp to support funding.

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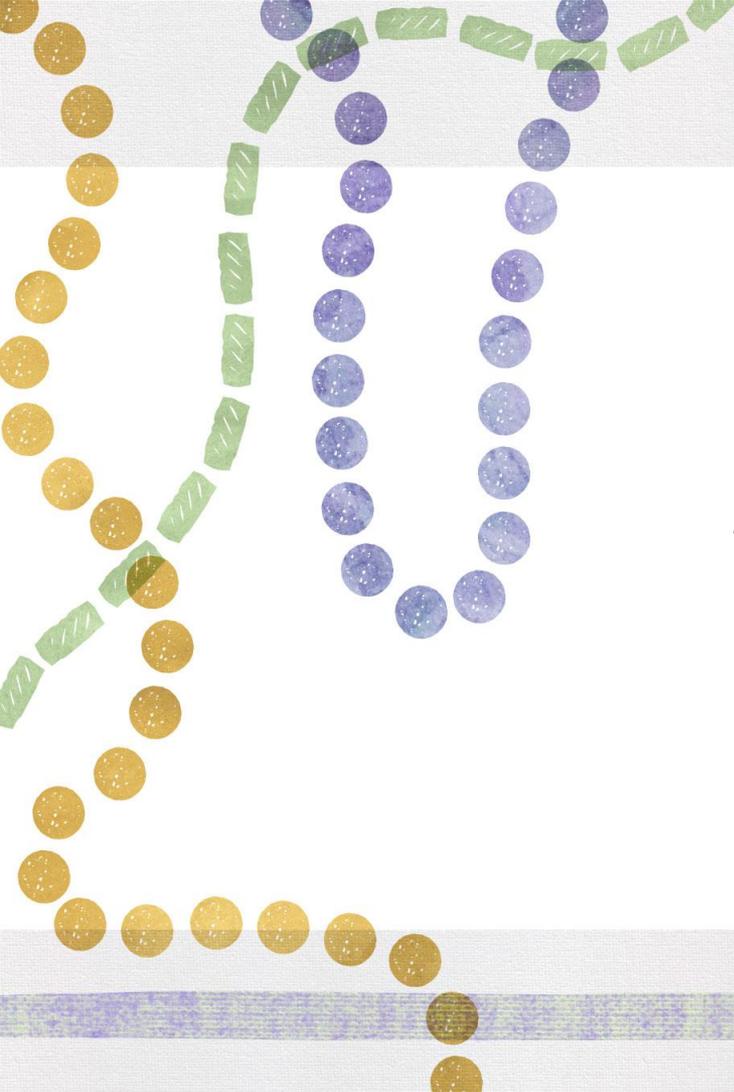
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Cyber Security

Security Survey

The State is working to identify funding to support improving the security posture of our K-12 schools. Funding will be limited therefore we will have to prioritize support based on information gathered via data collected via school system technology readiness data submissions, the ESF-17 security services interest survey, and this new survey. For those school systems that did not complete the TRT or ESF-17 survey we will provide an additional opportunity to provide that information. All of this information is critical for determining the scope of work along with network assessments to identify current risks.

To ensure we have the correct contact information for security please update your LEAs contact information [here](#).



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

Late Filed Form 471s

The FY 2023 Form 471 application closed on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

If you did not file before the deadline, still complete and submit your application as well as an appeal to waive the filing deadline to USAC and the FCC. The FCC has generally been very receptive to approving appeals for late filed applications in past years.

Funds for Learning 13th Annual E-Rate Survey

For over a decade, Funds For Learning (“FFL”) has been conducting an annual nationwide survey asking schools and libraries to contribute their opinions and experiences regarding the E rate program. These surveys have become an increasingly important source of information for Congress, the FCC, and USAC to help them evaluate the E-rate program.

We recommend school systems complete the survey which provide the FCC with important information. The 2023 survey can be found [here](#). The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and all submissions are confidential.

To view a copy of the 2022 survey results can be found [here](#).

Invoice System Consolidation

USAC will be consolidating the BEAR and SPI invoicing systems into the E-Rate Productivity Center (“EPC”) in the May/June time frame. Prior to this occurring, USAC will announce the last date to submit invoices within the legacy system and the first date to begin submitting invoices within EPC.

As a preliminary transitional step, USAC has already migrated user invoicing permissions from the legacy BEAR and SPI invoicing systems into EPC. EPC Account Administrators are encouraged to review assigned BEAR (for applicants) and SPI (for suppliers) user permissions to make sure that the correct users have access to prepare and/or certify invoices.

Invoice System Consolidation - cont'

Once invoicing is transitioned to EPC, the following changes will be noticed:

- Notifications about invoice submission statuses will be delivered to the users' News Feeds.
- USAC inquiries about submitted invoices will be made available through EPC. User replies, including attached documentation, will also be made through EPC.
- Invoicing for FY 2015 and earlier years cannot be handled through EPC. Users needing to submit invoices for these earlier funding years are advised to file customer services cases (through EPC) to request instructions for handling such invoices.

E-Rate Important Dates and Reminders

- Upcoming Form 486 Deadlines for FY 2022
 - April 21 - Wave 36
 - April 28 - Wave 37
 - May 5 - Wave 38
 - May 12 - Wave 39
- **April 24** - Deadline for submitting comments on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 23-10) to further improve E-rate program rules and encourage greater Tribal participation (and potentially other small applicants) in the E-rate program. Reply comments are due by May 23rd.
- **May 8** - Deadline for submitting comments for submitting comments on the USDA's proposed change to expand CEP participation by lowering the ISP threshold from 40% to 25%.

Reminders and Other Information



2022-2023 Education Technology Webinar and Office Hours

Slides from each meeting will be posted on the [Educational Technology Leaders](#) website. Recordings are available on request. A [complete calendar](#) of LDOE events can be found on the Louisiana Believes website.

Monthly Call Dates

March 9, 2023

April 13, 2023

May 11, 2023

June - Meet at LaCUE TLS

July - No Call

Time:	9:00 AM - 10:00 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!

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](#)





Reminders and Repeats



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- School Systems are encouraged to highlight their plan at one of our monthly meetings to demonstrate their success and support other school systems.

Please

Reminder: Change in Office Hours

- Moving forward, we will not hold regular office hours.
- We will only hold office hours during major projects and upon request.