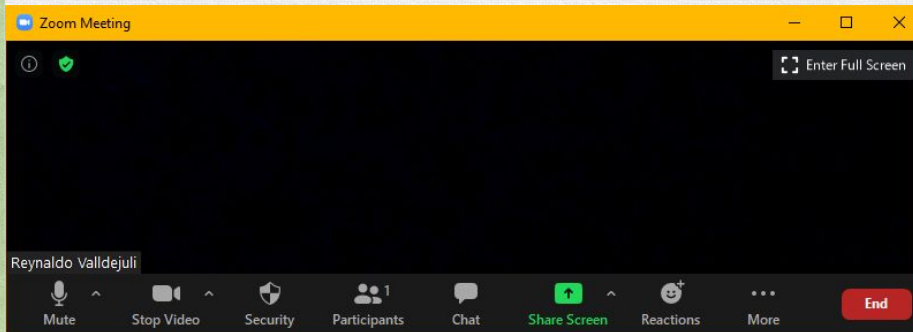Believes

Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call
January 19, 2023

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Agenda

I. 2023-24 School System Planning Launch

II. Federal Programs
   - Title I Part A Waiver Application
   - Maintenance of Equity (Part 2)
   - EL Services
   - Equitable Services Updates/Reminders

III. Statewide Monitoring

IV. Grants Management
   - ESSER Data Reporting
   - Updates/Reminders

V. Question & Answer

VI. Important Reminders/Call Summary

Suggested participants for this call:
- **Federal Program Supervisors**
- **IDEA Supervisors**
- **Business Managers**

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Believe to Achieve

The Department recently released *Believe to Achieve: Educational Priorities*. This priorities plan serves as the Department's roadmap to improving outcomes for all Louisiana children.

Believe to Achieve includes the Department's new belief statements, state data to help track progress toward Louisiana's six critical goals, and the new priorities that will direct the LDOE's efforts as they work toward achieving the critical goals. Each priority outlines focus areas for the key actions and initiatives.

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School System Planning Launch

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Key Dates

Application	Action	Timeline
Planning Materials	LDOE School System Planning Guide & Workbook released Believe! Planning Template & Guidance / Super App released	October 20
Super App	Super App **DUE**	**January 27**
Believe!	Believe! application *for early childhood lead agencies* **DUE**	**January 27**
Super App	Super App competitive allocations approved (April BESE) LDOE approves CIR/UIR-Academics strategies	April
Believe!	Believe! allocations approved (April BESE)	April

Key Resources

Resource	Purpose
2023-2024 School System Planning Guide	School systems plan and budget resources to meet the needs of all students
Strong School System Planning Tools (front of SSPG)	School systems can use these tools to develop or update their multi-year strategic plans
Planning Framework and Funding Guidance (Appendix A)	School systems identify priorities and initiatives for student improvement
Strategic Planning and Budgeting Workbook	School systems plan and prepare for the submission of the Achieve! Incentive applications and Super App

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Federal Programs

Title I, Part A Waiver Application Available

Upon submission of its 9/30 Periodic Expense Report (PER), your school system may have received notification that it exceeded the 15% Title I, Part A carryover limitation. If so, the school system it can request a waiver via the Electronic Grants Management System (eGMS).

The Title I Waiver application is located with your FY 2023 applications in the Non Funded Section of the GMS Access Select page. **The Waiver application was due on January 13, 2023.**

<u>Important Note:</u> **Second emails were sent this week to districts that have not submitted 9/30 PERs. Without the PER, it cannot be determined if the district has an excess of more than 15% in 2022 Title I funds. If a waiver is needed, but is not submitted, the excess funds will revert back to the LDOE and will no longer be available for use by the district. So, it is urgent that remaining districts submit its 9/30 PER.**

For more information, please contact melanie.mayeux@la.gov

Maintenance of Equity (Part 2) Application Past Due

- **The application deadline was November 30, 2022**
- Approximately 12 school systems have not submitted the application via eGMS.
- Please submit the application as soon as possible as the data is a part of a larger report due to ED by the weeks end.

- School Systems that qualified for an exemption in part 1 MOEquity application **DOES NOT** need to complete part 2 of this application.

For more information or questions contact:

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EL Services

Lau Plans 2022-2023 Feedback

We are in the process of reviewing Lau Plans for 2022-2023.

- Systems will receive feedback on Fridays for those that have been reviewed for that week.
- In January, LDOE will begin holding office hours for the support categories to go over next steps.
- As you receive your feedback, remember that this is still a "data collection" year for these plans. Your support category (Ineffective, Compliance, Beyond Compliance, and Exemplary) are just that--ways for LDOE to identify who needs more support and what types.

Lau Plan 2022-2023: Next Steps

As schools receive their feedback from the Lau Plans 2022-2023, please use this opportunity to review your system's EL programming and instructional supports as you begin to brainstorm for 2023-2024.

- Use the School System EL Programming Self-Evaluation Tool
- Review the EL Program Handbook
- Look at the EL Toolkit from the the U.S. Department of Education

Reach out to alice.garcia@la.gov if you have questions.

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ELPT/ELPT Connect Administration

ELPT and ELPT Connect will be administered February 13-March 24, 2023.

In preparation for this test, be sure students are familiar with the testing platform by using the ELPT Online Tools Training or the ELPT Connect Online Tools Training.

Additional information about the tests can be found in the Assessment Guidance library.

No EL Accommodations are applicable for ELPT or ELPT Connect.

If a student has an IEP or a 504/IAP, those accommodations are applicable for ELPT/ELPT Connect.

Contact assessment@la.gov for any additional questions.

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Equitable Services Updates and Reminders

Non-public Equitable Services Updates and Reminders

- **Project Carryover** is in progress!
- Carryover Workgroup will have a Zoom meeting Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (Please send your contact information if you are interested in participating)
- Ombudsman will present **Project Carryover** to the Non-public Council to share details and get input.
- LEAs and all non-publics will have a Zoom meeting to discuss **Project Carryover,** February 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
- If you have consultants/vendors or curriculum/instructional staff that may be interested in conducting professional development sessions please send their contact to State Ombudsman, Daphne.Flentroy@la.gov
- To date we have both consultants and vendors interested in collaborating with **Project Carryover** to provide professional development sessions and/or summits.

Final details for Project Carryover are scheduled for February 2023

Nonpublic Equitable Services
Support and Technical Assistance

Please feel free to contact the State Ombudsman for any assistance or clarification regarding the non-public equitable services program.

Daphne Flentroy@Daphne.Flentroy@la.gov

Happy New Year and Wishing You…All the BEST!

LASAFAP Spring Conference

LASAFAP Spring 2023 Conference

March 1-3, 2023

Golden Nugget in Lake Charles

www.lasafap.net - for registration information

Statewide Monitoring

Statewide Monitoring Updates

- Risk-Based Rubrics

- Risk-Based Monitoring

- Stakeholder Engagement

- New Monitoring

Grants Management

Updates/Reminders

Louisiana FY21 ESEA Waiver

ED has approved the ESEA Waiver request for FY20 Funds.

This provides for the following:

- Carryover limitation in section 1127(b) of the ESEA for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2021 Title I, Part A funds (i.e., the Title I, Part A funds that will become carryover funds on October 1, 2022): to waive the requirement that limits a State education agency's ability to grant to its LEAs a waiver of the 15 percent Title I, Part A carryover limitation in section 1127(a) to once every three years.

- Period of availability of funds in section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA): to extend the period of availability of FY 2020 funds for programs in which Louisiana participates under its approved consolidated ESEA State plan until September 30, 2023. The programs are: Title I, Part A; Title I, Part B; Title I Part C; Title I, Part D; Title II, Part A, Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A, Title V Part B, & McKinney-Vento

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Periodic Expenditure Reports

How does PER Submission support ED requirements for Federal Funding?

- Program implementation protocols

- Data Reporting for federal funds

- Used to calculate carryover funding

- Title I Excess Funds/District notification of Title I Waiver

- Dashboard updates for Transparency

- Late liquidation application decisions

Note: The process used by the 9/30 PER for calculating carryover should be used with Non-public funding.

PERs & Reimbursement Claims

PER Submission

- Are PERs being submitted on or before deadline?
- Is there a pattern of late submission or lack of submission of PERS?

PER Submission Deadlines

- **3/31**
- **6/30**
- **9/30**
- **12/31**

Reimbursement Claims:

- Is funding being drawn down in a timely manner?
- Is there a pattern of funding only being drawn down at the end of the grant cycle?
- Does your school system average at least one reimbursement claim per quarter?

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Periodic Expenditure Report Non-Compliance

Proposed Next Steps:

- LDOE Executive Staff On Board

- PER Late Submission Reminders - Goal for December 2022 PER
  - **Note:** eGMS PER notifications should start by the end of January

- Stakeholder Feedback - January 2023

- Timeline - January 2024

  - Conditions will be added to individual LEA GANs as indicated by lack of adherence to submission of PERs and Reimbursement Claims guidelines

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Resources for Periodic Expenditure Reports

eGMS Login Page

FSGR Library

eGMS 102

- **Provides instructions on completion of PERs**

Updates/Reminders

Recently Released Applications:
- LA School Mental Health: 12/1/22
- LA Aware 2: 12/1/22
- NonPublic Salary Supplement: 12/16/22

Upcoming Application Releases:
- LA Retention and Recruitment
- ESSER Data Reporting: 1/27/23

2022-23 GANs
- Transition of GAN system is complete. Staff are working to publish GANs for 2022-23
- Access GANs via the Public Access site

Updates/Reminders

Academic Recovery and Acceleration Plans:

- Approximately 100 plans have been approved.

- Returned for change Plans
  - Revised plans should be submitted for review no later than January 24, 2023

- Review Process
  - Label the upload of the revised plan using "revised" in the file name
  - Highlight any changes made in the revision
  - Be sure to address all reviewer comments

Updates/Reminders

eGMS Maintenance:

- eGMS will undergo a scheduled system upgrade on Monday January 23, 2023

- Upgrade maintenance is scheduled to last from 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23rd to 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25th

- Should additional time be required for the upgrade, an updated message will be displayed on the login screen of eGMS

ESSER Data Reporting

ESSER Data Reporting

- The ESSER Data Reporting Application:
  - Released on or before Friday, January 27, 2023.
  - Due: Friday, March 3, 2023
  - ESSER activities and expenditures occurring during State Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)

- ESSER PER Completion Required for Accurate Reporting:
  - ESSER I Formula and Incentive:
    - **Final** PERs for 9/30/22
  - ESSER II Formula, Incentive, and School Choice:
    - Approved through at least 6/30/22
  - ESSER III Formula, EB, and Incentive:
    - Approved through at least 6/30/22

- Outreach will begin next week for LEAs not in compliance with the ESSER PER requirements.

Assistance with ESSER Data Reporting

- Each LEA receiving ESSER funds has an assigned Grants Management team member to assist with:
  - Understanding reporting requirements
  - Creating, navigating, and working within the reporting app
  - Obtaining and providing responses to LEA-specific questions
  - Available support options include email, telephone, and Zoom.

- For reporting assistance, contact the LDOE Grants Management Help Desk and ask to be connected to your assigned GM team member.

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ESSER Data Reporting Reminders

- Noncompliance with PER requirements may result in additional actions as noted earlier in this presentation.

- All recipients of ESSER funds have assured the Louisiana Department of Education that all reporting requirements will be adhered to.

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Question & Answer

Important Reminders/Call Summary

Call Summary

Month	Key Deadlines	Support and Resources
Jan.	- January 13, 2023: Title IA Waiver - January 27, 2023: Super App - January 27, 2023: Believe! Application for early childhood lead agencies	- PER Instructions - FSGR Library
Feb.		Federal Support & Grantee Relations Monthly Call: **February 16, 2023 at 10 am**

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