

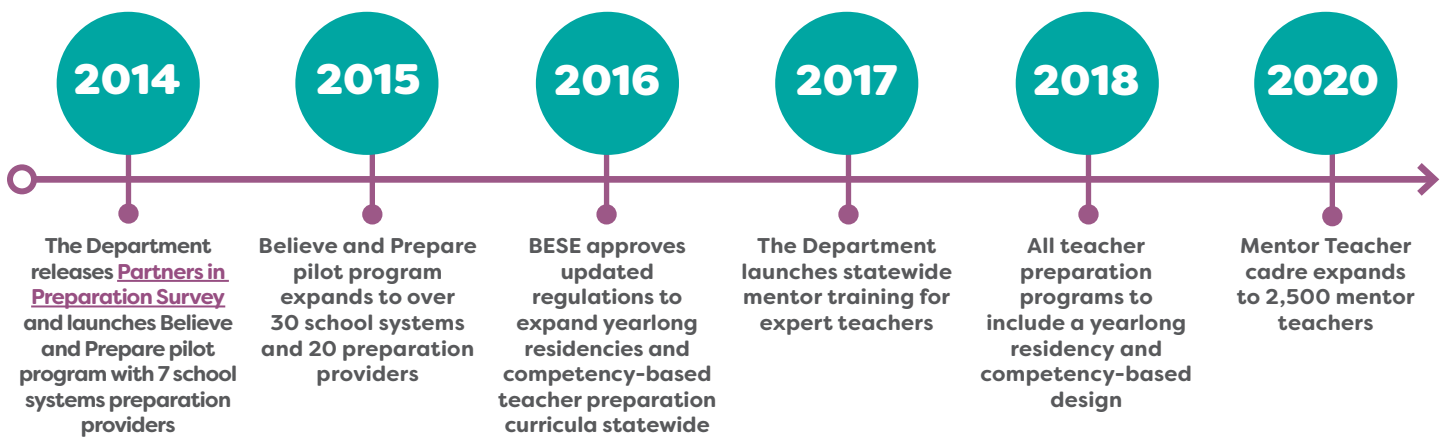
# Believe & PREPARE

PREPARING LOUISIANA'S NEXT GENERATION EDUCATORS

## WHAT IS BELIEVE AND PREPARE?

In line with leading nations' approaches to teacher preparation, the Department launched the **nationally recognized Believe and Prepare** pilot program in 2014. Believe and Prepare programs offer aspiring teachers a full year of practice under an expert mentor and a competency-based curriculum.

In October 2016, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), with support from the Board of Regents (BoR), adopted landmark regulations to **expand these practices** statewide. By July 2018, all teacher preparation programs will include a yearlong residency alongside an expert mentor, and all preparation programs will include a **competency-based design**.



## WHAT SUCCESS HAS BELIEVE AND PREPARE HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

### IN THE NEWS

*"BESE Expands Full Year Classroom Residency for Teachers"*

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/news-releases/2016/10/12/bese-expands-full-year-classroom-residency-for-teachers>

*"More Than 500 Louisiana Educators To Be Trained As Mentors To Future Teachers"*

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/news-releases/2017/08/24/more-than-500-louisiana-educators-to-be-trained-as-mentors-to-future-teachers>

*"Paving the Way for a New Generation"*

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/tomorrow's-teacher-a-believe-and-prepare-educator-blog>

*"Letters: Residencies for teachers good idea"*

[http://www.theadvocate.com/baton\\_rouge/opinion/letters/article\\_2b3e30a6-ad02-11e6-83b4-7b3c9f4ebc08.html?sr\\_source=lift\\_amplify](http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/opinion/letters/article_2b3e30a6-ad02-11e6-83b4-7b3c9f4ebc08.html?sr_source=lift_amplify)

Since the inception of Believe and Prepare, over 850 aspiring teachers have benefited from participating in yearlong residencies and over 820 expert teachers have served as mentors. Additionally, over 35 LEAs and nearly all 27 preparation providers in Louisiana have partnered to implement full-year residencies statewide.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR BELIEVE AND PREPARE?

All preparation providers, in partnership with school systems, will align preparation programs to state guidelines by July 2018.

Over the next three years, Louisiana will establish a cadre of at least 2,500 paid, trained mentor teachers. The Department will also focus on expanding access to yearlong residencies in rural school systems.

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