WHAT IS THE TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM?
In June 2017, BESE approved policies that established a Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System, as required by federal regulations. The quality rating system, which is phasing in over five years, is designed to:

• Provide preparation providers with meaningful information for improvement
• Identify programs of excellence and programs in need of improvement, thus informing enrollment and hiring decisions, as well as interventions
• Reward programs for meeting Louisiana’s educator workforce needs

WHAT SUCCESS HAS THE TEACHER QUALITY RATING SYSTEM HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?
In 2016-2017, a teacher preparation accountability workgroup convened and developed recommendations for a teacher preparation quality rating system that would apply equally to university and non-university preparation providers. The workgroup included local and national experts and was led by Dr. Robert Pianta, Dean of the University Of Virginia Curry School Of Education. In spring 2017, over 40 teacher preparation leaders convened to discuss the workgroup’s recommendations. Based on their feedback, BESE charged the Department with establishing a Louisiana Educator Preparation Research Consortium responsible for stewarding research on teacher preparation and advising on issues about the quality rating system’s business rules and methodology questions.

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• CCSSO Releases Playbook for Transforming Educator Preparation (CCSSO)

WHAT’S NEXT FOR THE TEACHER QUALITY RATING SYSTEM?
The first performance profiles will be publicly released in winter 2020.