

### Louisiana College Residents Preparing to Meet the Needs of All Learners



Whether using pencils or laptops, Louisiana College's residents are prepared to meet the learning needs of students. **Left:** Paige Dubois, J. I. Barron Sr. Elementary School, Pineville, LA. **Right:** Mattie Stein, Tioga Junior High School, Tioga, LA.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- May 9 or 10: Webinar for 2018-2019 Mentor Training participants
- May 14: Deadline to complete Praxis Support Guide [survey](#)
- May 18: [Registration](#) closes for Teacher Leader Summit
- **May 29-June 1: 2018 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit**
- June 15: Deadline to spend all 8(g) funds in Believe and Prepare Grants
- June 22: Deadline to submit reimbursement requests for 8(g) funds in Believe and Prepare grants

# BELIEVE AND PREPARE UPDATES

## LOUISIANA TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT

The [2018 Teacher Leader Summit](#) will take place **May 30-June 1** at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. This inspiring event, held annually, will bring together 6,500 school system leaders, school leaders, preparation providers, and teachers who are focused on creating meaningful growth for every student, every day. Educators will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2018-2019 school year.

This year, **the Summit will include a special track for preparation leaders and faculty**, which will include access to sessions related to Louisiana standards, curriculum, and assessments, as well as sessions focused on teacher preparation. Additionally, the Summit offers preparation providers an opportunity to learn alongside school system partners, and to gain the same knowledge and skills that their K-12 colleagues are receiving.

Believe and Prepare grant funds (Formula, Residency Expansion, and/or High Cost Need) may be utilized to cover the travel costs associated with attending the Summit.

Registration closes on **May 18th**. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Click [here](#) to register.

## PRAXIS SUPPORT GUIDE

The Department is creating a Praxis Support Guide to assist school systems who have employees who need Praxis support. In this guide we will include a list of Praxis resources. If your university/organization offers any type of Praxis support, such as tutoring, courses, etc., the Department would like to include it in the guide. Please complete this [survey](#) no later than **Monday, May 14th** if you would like your information to be included.

## 2018-2019 MENTOR TEACHER TRAINING

2018-2019 Mentor Teacher Training will begin at Teacher Leader Summit. A full list of training dates and locations for Mentor Teacher training can be found [here](#). The Department is hosting a webinar for Mentor Training participants to provide an overview of the training. There are two options for attending the webinar listed below.

### **Mentor Teacher Training Informational Webinar, Option 1**

Wednesday, May 9, 2018  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM (CST)

### **Mentor Teacher Training Informational Webinar, Option 2**

Thursday, May 10, 2018  
4:30 PM-5:30 PM (CST)

<https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/ldoeprofdev/>

Toll free access number: 1-855-240-2575

Participant pin code: 8914765

Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with any questions regarding Mentor Teacher training.

## BELIEVE AND PREPARE SUPPORT MEETING

The Department hosted a Believe and Prepare support meeting on Monday, April 23rd. The presentation from this meeting can be found [here](#). The next regional meetings will be held at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact [nicole.bono@la.gov](mailto:nicole.bono@la.gov) with any questions regarding the regional support meetings.

## TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

**Currently approved teacher preparation providers must demonstrate alignment to new policies by July 1, 2018.** Unless BESE approved an extension for your institution, the last meeting during which BESE will receive assurances is June 19, 2018.

### Approved extension requests

BESE will receive reports regarding the status of extension requests in August 2018 and in January 2019. Below is a list of key dates for the August extension request report.

- **June 29, 2018**
  - Deadline to submit milestones into the extension application in the [Program Approval Application Portal: Alignment](#)
  - Deadline to submit a draft of the innovative model in the [Program Approval Application Portal: Alignment](#) (if applicable)
- **August 3, 2018**
  - The Department will provide formative feedback to providers that submitted a draft innovative model application in the online application portal.
- **August 14, 2018**
  - Preparation providers that received an extension request should attend the Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting to answer any questions from BESE regarding their extensions.

Please refer to the [Educator Preparation Program Approval Policies and Guidelines](#) document, as well as the [Educator Preparation Providers](#) webpage for additional guidance and resources regarding program approval processes.

## EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION PORTAL

In response to feedback from our stakeholders, the Department recently launched [Teach LA Live](#), a new online educator certification portal designed to improve customer service and bring teacher certification into the digital age. The portal will allow for easy communication among state and local staff, electronic submission of certification applications, and online payment of fees.

A one page [preparation program provider user guide](#) is available for a quick explanation of the portal's navigation.

Teacher candidates can also access the educator certification portal [here](#). A one page [educator user guide](#) is also available for their use.

If you need further assistance using the portal, please reach out to [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov).

## **BELIEVE AND PREPARE FUNDING**

### **Believe and Prepare Grants**

All 2017-2018 Believe and Prepare grants are allocated and accessible in eGMS. **As a reminder, all 8(g) funds must be spent by June 15, 2018**, and requests for reimbursements must be submitted in eGMS by June 22, 2018. All federal funds (IDEA, TIF, Title I 1003(a), Title II) must be spent by September 30, 2018, and requests for reimbursements must be submitted in eGMS by November 15, 2018.

The Department plans to bring 2018-2019 Formula Fund allocations for preparation provider transition support to BESE for approval in June 2018.

## **NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

In February, the Department launched a statewide teacher recruitment campaign, [Be A Teacher LA](#), designed to elevate the teaching profession and increase the number of high school graduates and college students who enroll in an undergraduate teacher preparation program.

The Department invites preparation provider partners across the state to help elevate the most noble of professions on social media during National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11!

To participate, preparation provider partners are encouraged to:

- post pictures or videos of your teacher candidates thanking them for what they do, or
- post a picture or video saying “Thank You” to a teacher that made a difference in your life - or inspired you to find your calling as an educator.

Be sure to tag the Department in your posts using the hashtags **#ThankATeacher** and **#BeATeacherLA**.

Also, if you know a teacher or teacher resident that has a great story to tell, please share the story on social media using **#BeATeacherLA** or email [excellenteducators@la.gov](mailto:excellenteducators@la.gov).

Social media graphics promoting Teacher Appreciation Week will be available on the Department's [website](#), along with other materials for the statewide teacher recruitment campaign.