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Early Childhood Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Education continues to work with the state Office of Technology Services to ensure all concerns have been addressed before bringing systems back online following last week's attempted ransomware attack. The Department's website has been restored and is functioning properly, and staff now have access to e-mail.

To the best of our knowledge, school systems continue to demonstrate no sign of being impacted by this incident, including school systems with access to Google files originating from the Department. State officials are aware of no devices outside of state agencies that have been infected by viruses, and no data was taken or accessed due to this incident.

The Department anticipates that systems will be fully restored by **Monday, December 2**. Until then, below are updates and documents from the Department regarding upcoming deadlines and details, including a [Child Care Criminal Background Check documentation waiver-extension](#) that has been issued today in response to the limitations centers experience this past week. Additional information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

If you have questions related to this incident or other issues of cybersecurity, please contact Carol Mosley at edtech@la.gov.

As always, thank you for all you do for our children,

John
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Important Resources

- [Bulletin 137-CCCBC Documentation Waiver-Extension](#)
- [Bulletin 137-CCCBC Documentation Waiver](#)
- [FAQ for Child Care Providers](#)

Upcoming Events:

- **CACFP New Sponsor Orientation- December 10-Baton Rouge**
- **Child Care Support Meeting- December 12-Baton Rouge**

In Case You Missed It

[State Superintendent releases statement commending investments in early childhood education](#) (LDOE)

[\\$12.4 million Head Start grant up for bid in Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin; SMILE not eligible](#) (The Acadiana Advocate)

[With \\$3M investment, New Orleans doubles down on early childhood to catch state match](#) (The Times-Picayune)

[Louisiana state government suffers attempted ransomware cyber attack \(TIME\)](#)

[Your tax diversion could fund Lafayette Parish pre-k curriculums \(The Acadiana Advocate\)](#)

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