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Legislative and Policy Support Monthly Call	November 16 at 10 a.m.
Assessment and Accountability Monthly Call	November 17 at 3:45 p.m.
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All Nonpublics

Rescheduled: October Academic Content and Educator Development Monthly Call

Due to Hurricane Zeta, the October Academic Content and Educator Development Monthly Call originally scheduled for October 28 has been rescheduled and will now take place on November 4 at 1 p.m.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

Super App Office Hours

Super App Office Hours will be held on **November 13 at 10 a.m.** for planning team members to review actions school systems should be taking during the month of November and to ask questions. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** November 13 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96093863875>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 960 9386 3875

Please contact LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

BinaxNOW Rapid COVID Testing Kits

Please share with school system leaders.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits available upon request for school systems to access when a CLIA Waived Certificate Number or community health provider has been identified. In order to access these test kits, school systems will need a designated point of contact to complete a survey.

The survey will request the following information:

- Name of the delivery location
- Point of contact (Need name, email, phone number)
- Delivery address
- CLIA Waived Certificate Number or the community provider who will be testing so LDH can obtain all the same information on the number of BINAX tests requested (recommend estimating number based on 20 percent of school system's census)

School systems that would like to request BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits are encouraged to [complete this survey](#) by **1 p.m. this Friday, November 6.**

Please contact LDOECOVID19support@la.gov with questions.

Advanced Placement Toolkits

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Please share with high school administrators, AP teachers, counselors, AP coordinators, and curriculum supervisors.

The Department has released a series of Toolkits for Advanced Placement. These toolkits include [general information on the AP program](#) and specific information for [administrators and AP coordinators](#), [educators](#), and [parents](#). The toolkits include information on deadlines and College Board processes and procedures related to Advanced Placement.

Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

Advanced Placement Exam Ordering Deadline

Please share with high school administrators, AP teachers, counselors, AP coordinators, and curriculum supervisors.

Advanced Placement exams will be [administered](#) May 3-7, 2021, and May 10-14, 2021. The deadline to order AP Exams is **November 13**. If students register for AP Exams this fall and do not take the exams in the spring, AP will waive the \$40 cancellation or unused exam fee.

Please contact meredith.mcgovern@la.gov with questions.

Peer-To-Peer Learning Calls for School Nurses and School-Based Health Clinic Staff

Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, in partnership with LDOE Healthy Communities and Well-Ahead Louisiana, will host peer-to-peer learning calls on supporting the management of students with chronic conditions while practicing social distancing measures. To learn more about the upcoming Peer-to-Peer Calls for School-Based Health Center Staff and School Nurses, access [the available informational document](#) or visit [Well-Ahead Louisiana's webpage](#) to register. View the [region map](#) to determine which call to join.

Schedule of Calls	Date	Time	LDH Region
Regional Peer-to-Peer Call for School-Based Health Center Staff	November 9	2 p.m.	4, 5
Regional Peer-to-Peer Call for School Nurses	November 9	3:30 p.m.	4, 5
Regional Peer-to-Peer Call for School-Based Health Center Staff	November 12	2 p.m.	6, 7, 8
Regional Peer-to-Peer Call for School Nurses	November 12	3:30 p.m.	6, 7, 8
Regional Peer-to-Peer Call for School-Based Health Center Staff	November 17	2 p.m.	2, 3
Regional Peer-to-Peer Call for School Nurses	November 17	3:30 p.m.	2, 3

Please contact stephen.guccione@la.gov with questions.

LaGov Payment System Change

Please share with business managers.

Recently, the Louisiana Department of Education underwent a change to the payment system. The ISIS payment system has migrated to the LaGov payment system, and payments will look different as a result of this change. Continue to use the [DOA Vendor Payments](#) website and select "LaGov" to look for information on payments received beginning July 1. Reference the available [help document](#) for assistance with using the LaGov payment system and how to locate information on payments.

Please contact natoria.ingram2@la.gov with questions.

ELA Parent Resource: CommonLit's Parent Access

Please share with ELA supervisors, administrators, and ELA teachers for grades 3-12.

The Department has partnered with [CommonLit](#) to create [Knowledge Packs](#) for teachers and to provide opportunities for parents to utilize their free, online library to support students in grades 3-12. School leaders and teachers should encourage parents to set up a free account so that they can create online classes, assign lessons, and review their child's progress at home.

To support parents, CommonLit has created a [video](#) tutorial that includes step-by-step instructions for creating an account and utilizing accessibility features, such as text read aloud and translations, to support the unique needs of each child.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

ELA Guidebooks: High School Guidebooks (2020) Updates

Please share with ELA supervisors and ELA teachers for grades 9-12.

The ELA Guidebooks 9-12 (2020) [Curriculum Guide](#) has been updated on [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#) to include new Section Diagnostic Data Collection Tools. Both a digital and paper-based version of these tools are available.

The new Section Diagnostic Data Collection Tools:

- allow teachers to collect data from student work in order to make instructional decisions grounded in observation and experience;
- provide a snapshot vision of how students are performing to determine high-level trends; and
- support teachers as they engage in step two of the lesson study protocol.

Additionally, the grade 10 [Life of Pi](#) unit has been released and updates have been made to the grade 9 [A Lesson Before Dying](#) unit based on educator feedback. Please be sure to download the updated version of the [teaching guide](#) to support instruction.

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit 2021 - Save the Date

The 2021 Teacher Leader Summit will take place May 25-27 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. Both the Department and the Convention Center are taking measures to promote the health and safety of all participants and will have a reduced overall capacity. Due to social distancing parameters, school systems will receive a specific allotment of seats. The Department will notify each school system of their total number of allocated seats in early December.

[Registration](#) for the Summit will occur in three phases:

- Early bird registration (January 8 through March 1)
- Regular registration (March 2 through May 10)
- On-site registration for those who do not register by May 10

To help offset the cost of running a high-quality, multi-day event for thousands of Louisiana educators, the Department will charge a registration fee for the 2021 Teacher Leader Summit.

Description	1-Day Ticket	3-Day Ticket
Early Bird Registration (January 10-March 1)	\$55	\$108
Regular Registration (March 2-May 11)	\$71	\$140
Onsite Registration* (May 25-May 27)	\$87	N/A

**only if open seats remain unused from allocations after May 11*

This fee will cover:

- Admission to conference
- Conference sessions
- Lunch May 25 and May 26

Educators can receive a discount by registering early and registering for all three days at once. Educators can choose to not eat the lunch provided, but may not opt-out of the registration fee.

Prior to registration opening, the Department will provide more information on:

- Education tracks being offered
- Ed Talk speakers and topics
- Virtual learning opportunities

Hotel room block information will be released in December in an overview document posted to the [Teacher Leader Library](#).

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Super App Launch

On Friday, November 6, the Department will launch the Super App via webinar. This webinar will support school system planning teams in reviewing Louisiana's Academic Plan, exploring accountability updates, discussing Schools in Need of Intervention and the rationale for the 2021-2022 CIR and UIR requirements, viewing the 2021-2022 New Optional Funding Opportunities, and unpacking the resources and support available to school systems.

To gain access to all Super App launch presentations on and after November 6, view the [2021-2022 Super App Launch Session List*](#), which includes virtual session descriptions as well as presentation and recording information.

Information needed to join the Super App Launch Kick-off Webinar is included below.

- Webinar Date and Time: November 6 at 10 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/9198036620>
- Webinar Phone Number: 312-626-6799
- Meeting ID#: 919 803 6620

Please contact LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

*This list will not be available until November 6.

Reminder: School Reopening Dashboard for Systems

The Department has developed a tool for systems and schools to easily track student learning environments as well as device and connectivity data. This tool also helps the Department and systems identify where additional student connectivity supports are needed. System leaders received an email from LDOE in September with system-specific access information needed to update the dashboard.

Systems should update their dashboard throughout the school year as new information becomes available. The most current data will appear on the dashboard as soon as it is submitted through the survey.

Data submitted to this survey will automatically populate dashboards for systems, charter schools, and nonpublic schools. A [link to the dashboard](#)* has been added to the "School Reopening Resources" section of the [Strong Start page](#).

Please contact edtech@la.gov with questions.

*This link can only be accessed via Chrome.

Reminder: Real-time Early Access to Literacy (REAL) Program

[Real-time Early Access to Literacy \(REAL\)](#) provides individualized support for students in pre-K through grade 3 to make progress in their literacy development, with a focus on support for virtual learning. REAL provides devices, connectivity, and tutoring services to eligible students in pre-K through grade 3. School systems receive funding to authorize families to establish microgrant accounts in the REAL Family Portal, where families can browse and select services.

Information needed to join the REAL Program Webinar is included below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** November 9 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/4418921159>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 312-626-6799
- **Meeting ID#:** 441 892 1159

Please contact earlyliteracy@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: 2021 Jump Start Virtual Convention

Please share with career and technical education leaders, school systems administrators and counselors.

[Registration](#) is open for the 2021 Jump Start Virtual Convention. The convention will be held the afternoons of **January 26-27, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** each day. Prior to the event, convention registrants will receive communication to select the sessions they will attend each day.

Please contact jumpstart@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: Crisis Communication Planning and Implementation for School Leaders

LSU's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training is hosting a virtual workshop on crisis communications for school leaders. This 4-hour workshop provides an overview of the role of communications in planning for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies in K-12 schools. Participants will discuss critical tasks for managing communications during all phases of an incident, outline a process for creating crisis communications plans, and identify communications and warning best practices.

Click on the links below to register:

- [Register](#) to attend the workshop scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 12-4 p.m.
- [Register](#) to attend the workshop scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please contact rlandry@ncbrt.lsu.edu with questions.

Reminder: Immersion Program Interest Meeting

Please share with administrators of schools considering adding a One-Way or Two-Way Immersion program.

Join the Department on **December 10 at 3 p.m.** to explore the benefits of immersion programs and receive guidance on staffing,

scheduling, student recruitment, and resources among other related topics.

[Register](#) to attend this virtual meeting.

Please contact language.acquisition@la.gov with questions.

Reminder: ELA Collaborative Launch - Apply Now

The Department is excited to launch the Believe and Prepare ELA collaborative. This ELA Collaborative will bring together some of the best minds from both higher education and K-12 to design teaching methods syllabi for elementary and secondary literacy courses. These syllabi will, in turn, be available for public use. The goal of the collaborative is to ensure that teachers completing teacher preparation programs are well prepared to effectively implement standards-aligned instruction using high-quality curriculum materials grounded in complex text.

Strong K-12 educators who help support ELA (e.g., ELA curriculum coaches, current ELA content leaders, district ELA supervisors) should apply. Participants will be compensated a total of \$4,500 for participation in the collaborative. The [application](#) is due **November 6**.

Please email believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) News

New: Tuition and Fee Certification Sheets Emailed to Schools

The Scholarship team has emailed all participating Scholarship schools their approved tuition and fees certification sheet. This sheet must be signed by the school leader and emailed back to studentscholarships@la.gov. Please return signed certification sheet by **Friday, November 6th**.

Please contact studentscholarships@la.gov with any questions or if you have not received your certification sheet.

Reminder: 2020 Louisiana Scholarship Program Notice of Intent Due Tomorrow

All currently participating Scholarship schools as well as schools that indicated they would like to participate in the Louisiana Scholarship Program for 2021-2022 school year were emailed a link to the Notice of Intent, which can also be found [here](#).

Even if your school does not plan to accept new students next year, you must complete the NOI in order to keep current Scholarship students. The Notice of Intent is due by **Friday, October 30th**.

If you have any questions, please email studentscholarships@la.gov.

Reminder: Transfer Window Opened

If a family is interested in a transfer, please have the family complete the [transfer form](#) and submit it to a school representative. The representative at the school must then sign the form and email it to studentscholarships@la.gov. Forms submitted by parents will not be considered.

Transfers are at the discretion of the receiving school; however, schools may not exceed new student caps (if applicable) based on [accountability results](#) for the 2019 school year.

Please email studentscholarships@la.gov with any questions.

Reminder: For School and District Testing Coordinators

ACT

- 2021 ACT MOUs and estimation worksheets are posted in the [Assessment Library](#).
- It is no longer necessary to mail MOUs to the Department. School systems should complete, sign, scan, and email the MOU and estimation worksheet to patricia.newman@la.gov or assessment@la.gov.

LEAP 2025 Fall High School Administration

- The DRC INSIGHT portal is open to complete test setup and assignment of TA numbers.
- Test manuals are available online.
- A new demographic field has been added to collect information regarding students' participation in virtual learning. If the field is not completed, the student will be considered in-person with no virtual learning. For questions about the new demographic field, contact jennifer.baird@la.gov or assessment@la.gov.

LEAP 2025 Assessment Development

- LDOE Assessment Development will convene LEAP 2025 Science Stimuli Review Committees in Lafayette for the following grades at the listed dates and times:
 - Grade 3: November 14 (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
 - Grade 5: November 21 (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

- Grade 7: November 14 (1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- Grade 8: November 21 (1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- The committees will review stimuli to ensure the materials that will be used to develop item and task sets on the LEAP 2025 Science tests are fair and appropriate for all students and will allow an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in science. Participants may each earn a stipend and be reimbursed for mileage to and from the meeting.

Assessment Administration Support and Training Office Hours

There will be no office hours on November 3, as state offices are closed. The next Assessment and Accountability Office Hours will be on **November 10 at 3:45 p.m.** A password will now be required for office hours. Webinar details are listed below.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** November 10 at 3:45 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/202189164>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 646-876-9923
- **Meeting ID#:** 202 189 164
- **Passcode:** 2020202!

Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program News

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Reminder: Frequently Asked Questions and Contact Information

Information about the Tuition Donation Credit Program can be found in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Scholarship Programs Comparison Chart](#). Currently, Louisiana has four School Tuition Organizations participating in the Tuition Donation Credit Program: ACE Scholarships Louisiana, Arete Scholars Louisiana, Aspiring Scholars, and Son of a Saint. Schools interested in participating in the TDC program should communicate directly with one or more School Tuition Organizations.

School Tuition Organization	Regional Focus	STO Website	Email	Phone
ACE Scholarships Louisiana	Statewide	www.acescholarships.org	TDR@acescholarships.org	504-491-1813
Arete Scholars Louisiana	Statewide	www.aretescholars.org	maryhw@aretescholars.org	225-245-3610
Aspiring Scholars	New Orleans Archdiocese	https://aspiringscholarsla.org/	info@aspiringscholarsla.org	504-513-4140

School Choice Program

Reminder: SCP Transfer Window Open

Students wishing to transfer SCP awards from one school to another participating school for the 2020 school year can complete the [SCP transfer form](#). The form must also be signed by a representative of the receiving school.

Please send completed form to nonpublicschools@la.gov.

Other Department Newsletters

To view the **November 2nd District Newsletter** or the **October 29th Nonpublic Newsletter**, please [visit the LDOE Newsroom](#).

To be added to the newsletter distribution list, please send an email to nonpublicschools@la.gov.

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