



# LDOE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates for School Systems

### Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [August 17 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Mentor and Resident funding overview webinar: [August 22 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learner Office Hours: [August 22 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [August 22 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [August 23 at 1 p.m.](#)
- School Systems Financial Services Monthly Call : [August 23 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Healthy Schools Community of Practice: [August 24 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Principal Webinar Series: [August 28 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Differentiated Compensation and Stipends Office Hours: [August 31 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Monthly Principal Webinars – Math and Literacy: [September 6 at 1 p.m.](#)
- [Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call](#): [September 7 at 8 a.m.](#)
- Annual Financial Report (AFR) Office Hours: [September 7 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [September 14 at 9 a.m.](#)
- [Alternative Education Monthly Call](#): [September 14 at 10 a.m.](#)

### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

[School Support Institutes](#) Session 1: September 11 - 14

[Fall 2023 Counselor Institutes](#): October 24 - 26

Deadline to submit [2023-2024 PPP](#): October 31

## Operations

### **SY 2023-2024 Child Nutrition Program Administrative Review (AR) Schedule**

**Please share with child nutrition supervisors.**

The LDOE released the [2023-2024 Administrative Review Schedule](#) for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. (Copy and paste the [URL](#) into a new tab to trigger automatic download.) School systems scheduled for review can be found in the right column labeled “School Year 2023-2024.”

Reviews will be conducted by the LDOE or by CN Resource. The AR team leader will contact each school system that is scheduled for review and provide applicable deadlines and timelines.

Please contact [childnutritionprograms@la.gov](mailto:childnutritionprograms@la.gov) for more information.

## Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

### **Opening of DCAI and ACT Data Certification**

**Please share with accountability contacts and school leaders.**

The Louisiana Data Review system is now open for certification of data used in the DCAI and ACT indices that will be calculated for 2023 school performance scores. This is the final opportunity for school systems to request changes to data. All requests must have documentation. Accountability contacts were provided with directions for secure access and resources to assist them and are responsible for sharing student-level school rosters with the schools. They will provide directions for how requests with documentation are collected in their districts. All submissions must be entered into La Data Review no later than **August 29**.

Please contact [jennifer.baird@la.gov](mailto:jennifer.baird@la.gov) or [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

### **Interests and Opportunities**

**Please share with data managers and accountability contacts.**

The Interests and Opportunities Jotform opens August 21. Principal contact information needs to be updated in the Sponsor Site System as soon as possible to ensure principals receive all information. School system data managers should have these updates completed by the end of the day August 17. Directions for updating Sponsor Site are found in the [User Guide](#) on page 24.

Please contact [accountability@la.gov](mailto:accountability@la.gov) with questions.

## Career and College Readiness

### **Medicaid Coverage**

**Please share with school system leaders and child nutrition supervisors.**

Resources regarding Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are now available via downloadable fliers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) on the [Medicaid and CHIP Renewals Outreach and Educational Resources web page](#). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) also offers the Communications toolkit, which includes sample outreach articles, social media messages, and more.

Please contact [childnutritionprograms@la.gov](mailto:childnutritionprograms@la.gov) for more information.

## Teaching and Learning

### Academic Content

#### **2023-2024 Teacher Leader Advisors**

**Please share with teacher leaders and administrators.**

The LDOE congratulates the [2023-2024 Teacher Leader Advisors](#). Teacher Leader Advisors are an exceptionally talented group of educators across Louisiana who play an influential role in raising expectations for students and ensuring that fellow educators across the state have access to high-quality instructional materials and resources, as well as curriculum-aligned professional learning. Teacher Leader Advisors participate in the LDOE's Instructional Materials Review process, create tools for the Teacher Support Toolbox, and develop and lead both virtual and in-person professional learning for educators across Louisiana.

Please contact [classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov](mailto:classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov) with questions.

### Diverse Learners

#### **Free Graduate Courses and Coaching to Improve Language for English Learners**

**Please share with educators, English Learner teachers, interventionists, and instructional leaders.**

The LDOE, in partnership with UMass Global, is offering tuition-free graduate credit to educators who want to improve instructional practices related to academic language development in English Learners. Educators engage in self-paced learning with the help of a virtual coach and can earn 3 graduate level credits. Interested participants can [learn more and apply](#) now.

Please contact [exed@umassglobal.edu](mailto:exed@umassglobal.edu) with questions.

#### **Free Opportunity to Obtain EL Add-On Certification**

**Please share with instructional leaders, educators, and interventionists.**

Louisiana educators have an opportunity to earn English Learner add-on certification in one year, tuition free. Interested participants should join the overview session on August 30 to receive an application.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 30 at 5 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89266454200#success>

Please contact [tia.lebrun2@la.gov](mailto:tia.lebrun2@la.gov) with questions.

### Educator Development

#### **Mentor and Resident Funding Overview Call**

**Please share with school system leaders, data managers, and finance managers.**

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the data collection for Mentor compensation will take place using a similar process to what was used in 2022-2023. Join the Fall 2023 Mentor and Resident Funding call to review the funding eligibility and process.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 22 at 10 a.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>

- **Webinar Phone Number:** 470-381-2552
- **Meeting ID#:** 345 504 8179

Please contact [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) with questions.

### **Principal's Webinar Series**

**Please share with principals and principal supervisors.**

The LDOE hosts a monthly webinar series for current school leaders and principal supervisors on best practices in school leadership aligned to the state's priorities. Each month, the webinar features national and Louisiana experts sharing strategies and tools on a specific topic necessary for being effective in the school leader role. The LDOE's Math Division will lead the August webinar focusing on math initiatives.

- **Webinar Date and Time:** August 28 at 1 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97054177103>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 346-248-7799
- **Meeting ID#:** 970 5417 7103

Please contact [louisianaleaders@la.gov](mailto:louisianaleaders@la.gov) with questions.

### School Improvement

#### **Best Practices Level 1 and 2 Training**

**Please share with school and system leaders.**

The [Division of School Improvement](#) is pleased to continue its partnership with NIET to provide foundational training in Instructional Leadership Teams (ILTs) and Teacher Collaboration (TC) throughout the Fall of 2023. These Level 1 and 2 trainings are offered free of charge and are appropriate for leaders who have not completed the foundational training. This includes new school leaders, ILT members, and teacher leaders who facilitate Teacher Collaboration sessions. Sessions are offered both virtually and on-site at regional locations from August through October. Please visit the [NIET Best Practices Training](#) site for session schedules and registration details.

Please contact [schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov](mailto:schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov) with questions.