



LDOE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 6, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you were one of the nearly 8,000 education professionals we welcomed to New Orleans for our two statewide conferences last week. Whether it was Teacher Leader Summit or the Early Childhood Conference, it felt amazing to be surrounded by fellow educators who are excited about our progress and committed to the important work ahead.

I closed both opening sessions with a similar message I feel applies whether you are serving children birth to four or students K-12. I asked all of Louisiana's education professionals to be brave.

Being an effective educator is difficult, but necessary. Achieving results is hard with so many challenges facing us. There's no time to be passive or to accept the status quo. Our work is too important. We need bold teachers and leaders, ready to step up and focus on what's best for children. There are many ways we could be distracted; don't be. Instead, be brave and focus intently on the key issues that we know make a positive impact on student outcomes.

It remains an honor to serve alongside you all. I am humbled by the progress we have made over the last few years and deeply committed to continued success. The best is yet to come.

Dr. Cade Brumley

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Assessment and Accountability Office Hours: [June 13 at 3:45 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [June 15 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [August 1 at 1 p.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Deadline to register for [School Support Institutes 2023-2024](#) : June 8
- 2022-2023 Mentor Waiver [applications](#) due: June 9
- AP Rebate Deadline: June 15
- [2023 Louisiana School Safety Summit](#): June 15
- Homeless Liaison of the Year Nomination deadline: June 23
- Deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds: June 30
- Deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs: July 15

Operations

Homeless Liaison of the Year Nominations

Please share with federal program directors.

The LDOE is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Homeless Liaison of the Year. Nominees must meet the overall criteria items listed below.

- The nominee must be a homeless liaison in a school system.
- The nominee must have a minimum of three years' experience working as a homeless liaison.

All nomination packets should be submitted to the state homeless coordinator by June 23.

Federal program directors recently received informational packets via email. Please access the [Homeless Liaison of the Year Guidelines](#) for additional details; contact laverne.dunn@la.gov with questions.

Statement of Dissent from Immunizations

Please share with school and school system leaders.

The [Statement of Dissent from Immunizations](#) form is located on the "Quick Links" section of the LDOE [home page](#).

System Open for EEF Periodic Expense Report Submissions

Please share with superintendents, business managers, EEF contacts, and heads of schools.

The eGMS system is open for submission of EEF 6/30 PERs. Schools or agencies that received a payment from the 2022-2023 EEF this year are advised of the following important dates:

- **June 30:** deadline for EEF recipients to obligate EEF funds
- **July 15:** deadline for EEF recipients to submit Final 6/30 PERs

Please note: Final PERs are used to calculate EEF allocations for the following year. If the final PER is not submitted **by July 15**, EEF recipients may experience delays in accessing their EEF funds for 2023-2024.

An important reminder: The final expenditure checkbox located near the bottom of the Expenditure Obligation Summary page must be checked for PERS to be reported as final. For assistance in preparing the final 6/30 PER for EEF, see the Training section on the eGMS page, [Tips & Reminders: Preparing the Periodic Expense Report \(PER\)](#).

For assistance in preparing final 6/30 PERs for EEF, [Tips & Reminders: Preparing the Periodic Expense Report \(PER\)](#) is available in the training section on the [eGMS login page](#). Please contact ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

LEAP 2025

Please share with district test coordinators.

Test setup will be available in DRC INSIGHT for high school summer testing on June 15. Schedules for testing are now due to assessment@la.gov.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Career and College Readiness

AP Deadlines

Please share with counselors, administrators, and AP coordinators.

The postmark deadline for [invoices and payments](#) submitted to the AP program is June 15. Late payments will incur a \$225 late fee.

Schools that administered 150 or more exams must indicate the intended use for the [large-volume rebate](#) by June 15. Please contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Educator Development

School Climate and Culture Survey and Coaching Services with Upbeat

Please share with school system leaders and principals.

The Department is seeking **125 schools** to participate in Upbeat's **survey and coaching** services for the 2023-2024 school year **at no cost** to the school/system. This partnership is part of the state's recruitment and retention strategy to elevate school climate and culture. Interested leaders may join the informational webinar at **10 a.m. on June 8** by completing the [interest form](#). Additional information is available on [Upbeat's landing page](#) for Louisiana. Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with questions.

School Improvement

Registration for School Support Institutes

Please share with school and school system leaders.

Registration for School Support Institutes 2023-2024 closes this Thursday, June 8. Each CIR school is required to register three members of their ILT for School Support Institutes 2023-2024. Leadership teams from UIR-A and unlabeled schools are also invited to register and attend. Please see our [SSI 2023-2024 Overview and Registration](#) document for more information including system-level seat allocations, learning pathway descriptions, and the registration link.

For registration assistance, please contact ldoessisupportteam@tntp.org; contact schoolimprovementdivision@la.gov with questions.