



News for Louisiana



CHARTER SCHOOLS

April 11, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Military members and military-connected families make many sacrifices for the security and safety of our nation. This includes military-connected children. April is the [Month of the Military Child or “Purple Up! For Military Kids.”](#) Across the nation, states and school systems will celebrate the important role of military children and their families.

Louisiana is proud to celebrate, honor, and recognize their courage and resilience. I’m inviting the entire education community to join the Louisiana Department of Education and Purple Up! on April 18. Wear purple to show support for the strength and sacrifice of our military children and families. If your system or school is on social media, tag the LDOE in your posts and we will share some of your celebrations.

I also want to encourage you to [apply to become a Purple Star School](#). This award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces. Please reach out to highschoolacademics@la.gov with any questions.

Please join me in thanking our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting “Purple Up! For Military Kids” this month – they deserve our support!

Dr. Cade Brumley

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Important Dates for School Systems

Office Hours and Monthly Calls

- Educational Technology Monthly Call: [April 13 at 9 a.m.](#)
- School-Based Medicaid Monthly Call: [April 18 at 2:30 p.m.](#)
- Well-Being Monthly Call: [April 19 at 9:30 a.m.](#)
- School System Financial Services Monthly Call: [April 19 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Nonpublic Monthly Call: [April 19 at 2 p.m.](#)
- Federal Support and Grantee Relations (FSGR) Monthly Call: [April 20 at 10 a.m.](#)
- Diverse Learners Monthly Office Hours: [April 25 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Teaching and Learning Monthly Call: [April 26 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Career and College Readiness Monthly Call: [April 27 at 3 p.m.](#)
- Nutrition Support Monthly Call: [May 2 at 1 p.m.](#)
- Local Authorizer Monthly Call: [May 10 at 11 a.m.](#)
- BESE-Authorized Charter Schools Monthly Call: [May 11 at 9 a.m.](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees](#) interest survey deadline: April 13
- Part C Transition (Indicator 12) Action Plans due: April 14
- April Dunn Act Training: Self-Assessment Guide Section One: [April 17](#) and [April 19](#) at 4:30 p.m.
- Computer Science Education Advisory Commission [Listening Sessions](#) for K-12 Educators: [April 20 at 5:30 p.m.](#)
- [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees](#) interest survey deadline: April 21
- April Dunn Act Training: Self-Assessment Guide Section Two: [April 24](#) and [April 26](#) at 4:30 p.m.
- Computer Science Education Advisory Commission [Listening Sessions](#) for K-12 Educators: [April 25 at 5:30 p.m.](#)
- [Deadline to indicate AP Exam fee reduction status](#): April 30 at 10:59 p.m.
- High Cost Services Round 2 Application deadline: May 5

Office of School Choice

Charter Accountability

2022 – 2023 School Year Material & Non-Material Amendment Submission Deadlines

Please share this reminder with school and system leaders, Charter Board Point of Contact, Charter Board President, and Primary Charter Contact for LDOE.

Material Amendment requests may be submitted at any time. Please note that material amendments that require BESE approval may take several months to process depending on the complexity of the request.

Material Amendments are considered at the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee (SIT) meetings and then ratified by the full BESE Board following approval or denial of the request. For an item to be considered at the SIT Committee in the months outlined below, it is imperative that items are received by the Charter Accountability team by the dates listed below.

Failure to submit items by the dates listed in the table below may result in delays in consideration and/or the inability to agendaize the material amendment request at the desired BESE meeting.

2022 – 2023 School Year Material & Non-Material Amendment Submission Deadlines

BESE SIT Committee Meeting Dates	Material Amendment Requests & Supporting Documentation Due to Charter Accountability Team
June 13, 2023	April 17, 2023
August 22, 2023	June 26, 2023
October 10, 2023	August 14, 2023
December 12, 2023	October 16, 2023

Important Dates & Submissions for Charter Schools and Leaders

Important Upcoming Dates and Submissions		
<p>Charter Board Governance Survey – June Allocation The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) has launched a Charter Board Governance Program in an effort to provide consultancy, intervention, robust professional development, and collaborative mentoring opportunities designed to support school leaders and charter board member efficacy at no cost to Charter Boards. Services will be provided by a proven vendor.</p>	April 28, 2023	Please send questions or registrations requests via email to: Charters@la.gov
<p>Quarter 3 Financial Report Includes budgeted data for the fiscal year along with the YTD actual data through March 31.</p> <p>This information should be submitted to charterfinancehelpdesk@la.gov</p>	April 30, 2023	If you have any questions or require further information, contact SchoolFinanceHelpDesk@la.gov

Charter Board Governance Program Interest Survey - June Allocation Request

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The program has three pathways:

- Pathway 1 (Charter Board Collaboration-Mini Conference)
 - One day of engagement quarterly for a total of four days that would include content modules designed to reinforce board efficacy. One, some, or all board members may participate in each of the modules.
 - Components of Effective Governance
 - Finance and Academics
 - Regional Governance, Charter Authorization, and Legal/Ethical Compliance
 - Communications and Advocacy
- Pathway 2 (Full Board Consultancy)
 - Full board support through consultancy work that may involve activities such as observing board meetings to determine current capacity and provide feedback on an individual basis; potentially through a needs assessment, observing meetings and scheduling board retreats to increase the effectiveness of the whole board.
- Pathway 3 (Individual Board Member Capacity Building)
 - Individual capacity building through well-designed coaching sessions based on individual needs and goals. Individual board members will self-select development opportunities that would assist them with acquiring the necessary tools and resources to ensure compliance and efficacy in decision-making.

Please send questions or registrations requests via email to: Charters@la.gov

Operations

Davis-Bacon Act Compliance and Oversight Webinar

Please share with federal program directors and business managers.

The Office of State and Grantee Relations will host a webinar to provide an overview of how federal funding recipients can meet their obligations under the [Davis-Bacon labor standards](#). The webinar will also include a review of best practices for providing guidance and compliance oversight to sub-recipients and contractors.

This webinar will be held April 26 from 3:30 until 5 p.m. Please [register](#) in advance to participate. Contact LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Assessment, Accountability and Analytics

LEAP 2025

Please share with school and system leaders.

LEAP testing will begin next week. Please see windows below.

- LEAP 2025 high school subjects: April 18 - May 24
- LEAP 2025 grades 3 - 8 all subjects: April 25 - May 26
- Innovative ELA Assessment: April 25 - May 26

The following resources are available to support testing.

- [Assessment Guides](#)
- [Parent Guides \(Includes Translated Versions\)](#)
- [LEAP At-A-Glance](#)
- [Online Tools Training](#)

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

ACT/WorkKeys

Please share with testing coordinators.

The WorkKeys online testing window will close for the 2022-2023 academic year on April 12. Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Social Studies Assessment Updates Document

Please share with school system leaders, school leaders, and teachers.

The [2022 K–12 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies \(LSSSS\)](#) will be implemented for the 2023–2024 school year. The [Social Studies Assessment Updates document](#) with new information about the assessments is available in the [Assessment Guidance Library](#) and [K–12 Social Studies Resources web pages](#). Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

Assessment Development Educator Review Committees

Please share with school system leaders, school leaders, and teachers.

The Division of Assessment Content will convene assessment committees for the LEAP and Innovative Assessment Program (IAP) in June and July to

- review newly developed items for alignment, content-related criteria, and bias or sensitivity concerns (all content areas);
- review leased ELA and math items for alignment to the Louisiana Student Standards;
- develop expectations for the scoring of field-tested IAP writing tasks; and
- review data from IAP field-tested items.

Interested educators should access the [Assessment Development Educator Review Committees document](#) for information on exact dates, meeting details, and links to apply to participate in specific committees. **The deadline to apply is April 21.** Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

School System Financial Services

New Link: Monthly Call for Business Managers

Please forward to business managers and finance officials

The next Monthly Call of the 2022-23 fiscal year for Business Managers and Finance Officials will be April 19 at 2:00 pm via Zoom. Please update the recurring link with this new information:

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 19 at 2 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/95601658732>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- **Meeting ID:** 956 0165 8732

Please contact SchoolFinanceHelpDesk@la.gov with questions.

FY2022-2023 Third Quarter Financial Report

Please share with business managers and financial officials of Type 2 and Type 5 Charter Schools.

The Third Quarter Financial Report for FY2022-2023 is due **May 1**. The quarterly report template is included in the workbook used to submit the annual operating budget. You are required to submit the entire workbook with updates to the Quarter 3 Budget tab. For more details see the Instructions for Quarterly budgets tab in the Workbook. The financial workbook, inclusive of 3rd Quarter updates, and the [Statement of Affirmation](#) should be submitted via email to CharterFinanceHelpdesk@la.gov.

If your organization operates more than one charter school, you must submit the financial report for each individual school.

If you have any questions or require further information, email CharterFinanceHelpdesk@la.gov or call 225-342-3617.

FY2022-23 Projected Local Revenue Data

Please share with business managers and superintendents.

In order to complete the FY 2023-2024 MFP calculations for charter schools, projected FY 2022-2023 local revenue data and expenditures related to the collection of the revenue must be submitted to the Department by each school district.

The projected FY 2022-2023 local revenue data is being collected through the LEADS portal using the same process as was used in prior years. The LEADS data collection portal is now open. Please use the required [keypunch codes](#) and step-by-step [instructions](#) for submitting data to the portal. The deadline to submit this data is **April 25**.

Please contact LDOEmfphelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

FY 2022-2023 Agricultural Science Allocation and Additional Guidance

Please share with business managers and superintendents.

The FY 2022-2023 Agricultural Science allocation [payments](#) have been processed according to HB1 of the Regular Session 2022. Please refer to the [document](#) for more information about the allocation recently released to school systems; contact schoolfinancehelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

Teaching and Learning

Diverse Learners

Cortical Visual Impairment Range Assessments: The CVI Range

Please share with special educators and related service providers.

LA-AEM is hosting [CVI Range Assessment](#), an in-person training on CVI assessments.

- The Baton Rouge [training](#) will be held May 17 at 2888 Brightside Drive.
- The Ruston [training](#) will take place May 24 at 101 S Trenton Street.

Please contact diverselearnersupport@la.gov for more information.

Educator Development

2023 Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy

Please share with teachers, school leaders, and school system leaders.

The [Louisiana Aspiring Educator Summer Academy](#) is a five day, one-of-a-kind hybrid summer camp and professional learning experience for high school students enrolled in the Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway or any other coursework aimed at attracting and developing future Louisiana educators.

Hosted by the Louisiana Department of Education and staffed by a team of advisors and coaches from around the state, the Louisiana Aspiring Educator Academy will take place at the University of Louisiana Monroe July 10 -14.

Pre-Educator Pathway teacher leaders, school system leads, and teacher preparation leads interested in serving as advisors are encouraged to submit interest forms. College students enrolled in Louisiana Teacher Preparation Programs are encouraged to apply to serve as coaches. Please review the [Staffing Overview](#) for more information about joining the Summer Academy staff.

The Department will host an informational meeting for all interested high school students and their parents:

- **Webinar Date and Time:** April 25, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Webinar Link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- **Webinar Phone Number:** 1-470-381-2552
- **Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179

Please contact toriano.hayward@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit

Please share with teachers, school leaders, and school system leaders.

[Teacher Leader Summit](#) registration is closed, and a [waitlist](#) is now available. Presenters will receive a special code to register.

Taking place **May 30 - June 1** in New Orleans, the 2023 Teacher Leader Summit will focus on accelerating for success, every single day. .

Please contact events@emergentmethod.com with questions.

Literacy

Family Summer Support Toolkit

Please share with school system leaders and school leaders.

The [Family Summer Support Toolkit](#) provides sample social media posts for school systems to use in engaging families during the summer in math and literacy. The posts will include links to activities to send home and are designed to encourage families to continue learning throughout the summer in a fun and engaging way. The toolkit will also highlight digital resources for families of students with disabilities and English Learners.

Please contact louisianaliteracy@la.gov with questions.