

Louisiana Principal Fellowship Program Newsletter

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The Louisiana Principal Fellowship Program partners with the National Institute for School Leaders (NISL) to offer an executive development program (EDP) for school and district level leaders at all stages in their career. The year-long fellowship strives to help school leaders become visionary drivers of change, instructional leaders, strategic thinkers, and creators of just, fair, and caring school cultures.

Quote from a 2017-2018 Cohort 3 Lafayette Principal Fellow:

“As a 30-year educator, I have thoroughly enjoyed the continued stretch in learning and affirmation of positive actions that this format has provided for me. It will make me more effective personally and professionally.”

Cohort 4 Launches in Hammond, Lake Charles, Monroe, and Caddo



In 2018-2019, the fourth cohort of school leaders will complete the NISL Executive Development Program (EDP), which includes participation from the following districts and charter organizations: Allen, Assumption, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Catahoula, City of Baker, Concordia, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, Lafayette, Lake Charles

College Prep Charter, Lincoln, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans Charter, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, St. Landry, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Vermilion, Washington, and Young Audiences Charter School.

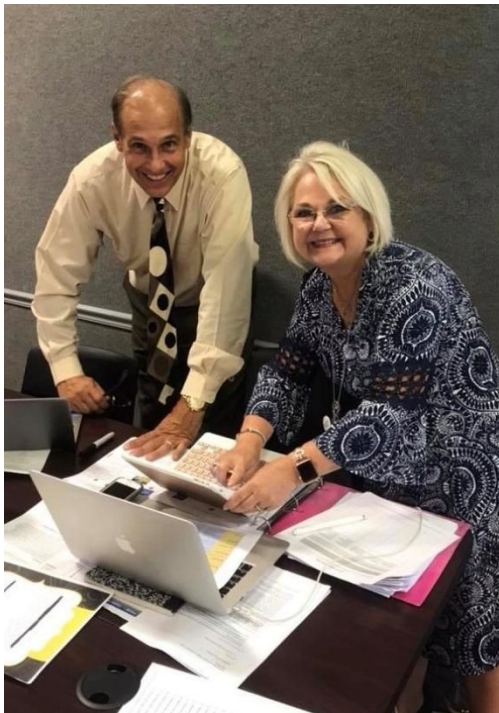
School leaders from the Hammond Cohort (Above): Darla Blanchard (Assumption); Evelyn Showers (Tangipahoa), and Roy Walker (City of Baker) collaborate in a discussion on high standards for all students (benchmarked to those of high-performing countries), strategic thinking about how to reach them, and an unrelenting focus on results.

The Principal Fellowship Approach

School leaders cannot change the whole system. But they can change many of the most important things. According to the best research on the countries with the most successful education systems, two things matter the most:

- What is taught and measured (the instructional system) and
- How well it is taught (the quality of the teachers and degree to which the school is organized as a professional workplace).

Louisiana Principal Fellowship Feature Highlight



Congratulations to Caddo Parish, the first Louisiana district to launch and coordinate their own NISL Principal Fellowship cohort. Over the past three years, Caddo Parish initiated a strategic plan to develop their own NISL facilitators to ultimately systematize their own district cohort. They continue the partnership with NISL facilitators along with their own district facilitators to provide the year-long program. Their next steps are to certify several of their facilitators as NISL content specialists.

Within this year's Caddo Cohort, there are 31 fellows participating from various roles across the district: 14 principals, 11 assistant principals, Director of Early Childhood, Supervisor of Early Childhood, PD

Specialist, Field Instructor, 2 Human Resource Administrators.

Pictured Above: Elyn McKinney, Caddo Parish Director of Professional Development and Joseph Lachowicz, NISL Master Facilitator.

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