

## OVERVIEW

Louisiana has dramatically reduced the number of D and F rated schools in the past several years benefiting thousands of students who otherwise would have been assigned to a struggling school. At the same time, there remain schools in our state whose challenges are significant. Research indicates that nearly every effective model of school transformation includes some external support. Frustratingly, no comprehensive inventory of possible partners exists, and few—if any—opportunities exist for Local Education Agencies (LEA) and school leaders to meaningfully collaborate with industry experts and possible partners.

The School Redesign Summit seeks to address these gaps. Through a series of interactive sessions, the Summit will provide an opportunity for LEAs and school redesign partners to begin brainstorming strategies to improve the achievement of Louisiana’s persistently struggling schools.

LEA teams will leave the day-long School Redesign Summit with:

1. an understanding of school improvement strategies working in Louisiana and across the nation;
2. greater clarity on the improvement strategies they plan to use in their lowest performing schools; and,
3. a list of potential partners to support their work.

Partner organizations will leave the day-long School Redesign Summit with:

1. a deeper understanding of what the state needs to improve its struggling schools; and
2. the role they can play in supporting improvement for Louisiana students and schools.

After the Summit, each LEA may choose to submit their school redesign plans as part of a competitive grant process. Per the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Department will competitively award these funds to LEAs with the strongest evidence-based plans. These diverse plans will, in due course, make up Louisiana’s school turnaround component of the state’s ESSA plan.

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## DATE & LOCATION

### DATE

The School Redesign Summit will take place Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 7:30am to 4pm. See [Appendix A](#) for the day's agenda.

### LOCATION AND PARKING

The 2016 School Redesign Summit will take place at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans (900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130) on the third floor in rooms 333-357. Click [here](#) for a map of the Convention Center and the surrounding area including hotels and parking. Parking is available in Lot F which accepts cash only. The cost is \$15 for cars and SUVs.

## COSTS

| The Department pays for...   | Partners/LEAs/Schools pay for...   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Hosting and space for all events</li> <li>» Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon coffee</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» All travel costs for participants (e.g. hotel rooms, mileage reimbursement)</li> <li>» Parking at the Convention Center</li> <li>» Meals for participants other than those covered by the Department</li> </ul> |

## LODGING

Please contact your district's point of contact to find out the process for securing lodging. Click [here](#) for a map of the Convention Center and the surrounding area including hotels and parking. See [Appendix B](#) for a list of hotels near the Convention Center.

## SIGN-IN

Sign-in will occur from 7:30-8:00am. When you arrive to the event please head directly to the common area of the 3rd floor to sign in. There will be signage on the main floor directing you where to go. Breakfast will be served during sign-in.

## SUMMIT INFORMATION

Additional information about Louisiana's strategy for improving struggling schools and the School Redesign Summit can be found by clicking [here](#).

Information on the School Redesign partners interested in working with Louisiana school districts can be found [here](#).

## VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES & LIMITED MOBILITY

The New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center is ADA compliant. The Convention Center provides service ramps to entrances and elevated areas, an array of passenger elevators, restroom facilities for the disabled, brailled instructions and directions at strategic locations throughout the building, and pay phones located at each level of the facility with (TDD) hearing-impaired functions. Wheelchairs also are available upon request.

Participants with limited mobility are encouraged to consider renting a scooter. For more information about scooter rentals, please call the Convention Center UPS store at 504-670-8941. Scooters must be reserved at least 72 hours in advance, but the Department strongly recommends that participants book two weeks in advance given limited supply. The Department is not responsible booking or covering the cost of scooter rentals. The Department is not liable for scooters rented by participants.

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[APPENDIX A: AGENDA](#)

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**PREPARATION MEMO FOR LEAS**

**PREPARATION MEMO FOR PARTNERS**

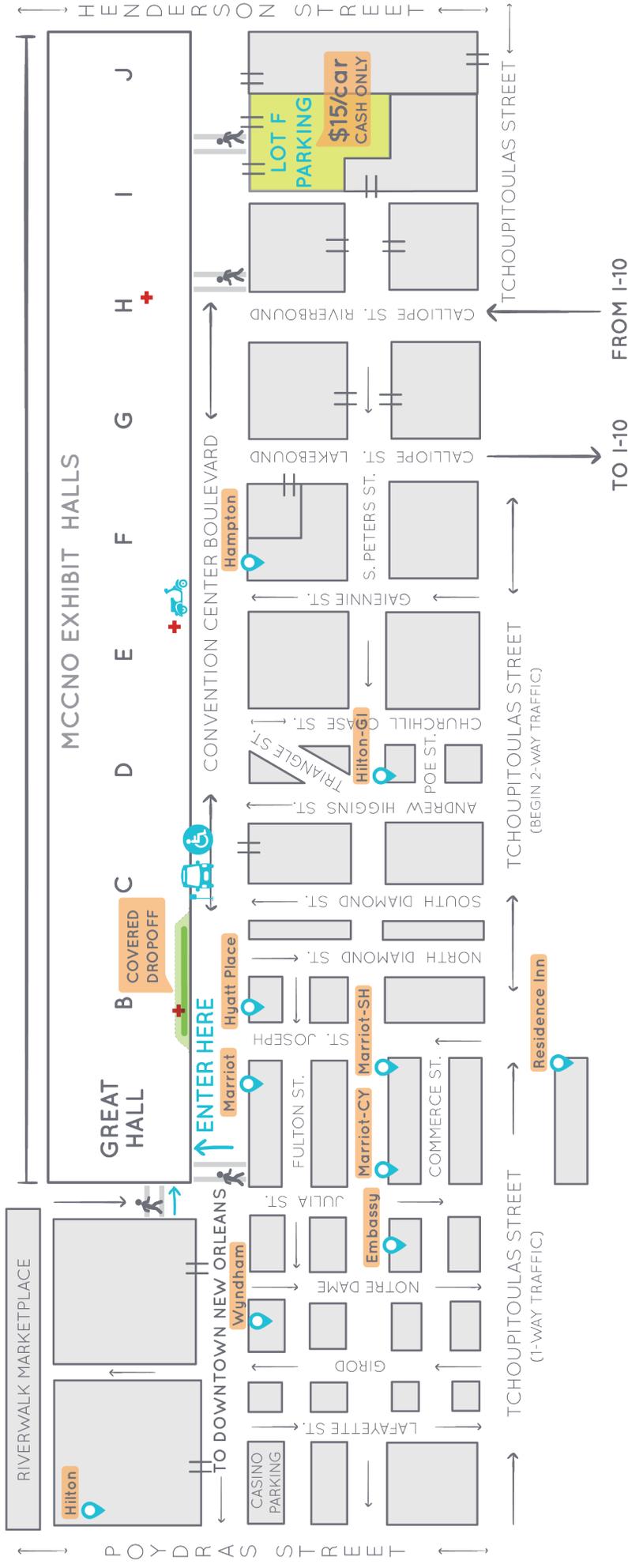
| AGENDA SUMMARY |  |
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| 7:30-8:00      | Breakfast and Registration   |
| 8:00-9:15      | <b>WELCOME, OVERVIEW AND OPENING PLENARY:</b> State Superintendent John White will welcome participants and facilitate a panel discussion that illuminates progress and challenges in school improvement in Louisiana and across the country.  |
| 9:20-10:05     | <b>DISTRICT TEAM HUDDLES:</b> District teams gather by network to learn about how districts can build school improvement plans to competitively apply for ESSA funds. Teams will also ensure they are clear on their plan for the day.   |
| 10:05-10:15    | Break  |
| 10:15-11:40    | <b>PARTNER EXPLORATION, ROUND 1:</b> Through a rapid series of 10-minute discussions, district teams have the opportunity to learn more about a number of potential partners. Partners will be prepared to deliver short presentations and answer questions from districts. This time block will be broken up into seven 10-minute segments. |
| 11:45-12:25    | <b>DISTRICT TEAM HUDDLES:</b> District teams reflect on their learning from the Partner Exploration and choose the partners with whom they would like to spend their afternoon time.   |
| 12:25-1:15     | Lunch  |
| 1:20-2:55      | <b>PARTNER EXPLORATION, ROUND 2:</b> District teams engage with three potential partners in 30-minute sessions during which they brainstorm together with partners on how to address the challenges they are facing at 1-2 schools. This time block will be broken up into three 30-minute segments.   |
| 2:55-3:05      | Coffee Break   |
| 3:05-3:35      | <b>DISTRICT TEAM HUDDLES:</b> District teams reconvene to reflect on their 2nd round of partner exploration and determine next steps on improvement planning and furthering conversations with partners.   |
| 3:40-4:00      | <b>CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS:</b> Superintendent White offers his thanks, reflections on the day, and expectations/commitments about next steps.  |

| HOTEL   | CONTACT                      |
|---|------------------------------|
| A.C. Hotel by Marriott New Orleans Bourbon<br>221 Carondelet St., New Orleans | 504-962-0710                 |
| Astor Crowne Plaza<br>739 Canal St., New Orleans                              | 877-408-9661                 |
| Courtyard Marriott Downtown/Convention Center<br>300 Julia St., New Orleans   | 800-321-2211<br>504-598-9898 |
| Dauphine Orleans<br>415 Dauphine St., New Orleans                             | 800-521-7111                 |
| DoubleTree by Hilton<br>300 Canal St., New Orleans                            | 800-222-8733                 |
| Hilton New Orleans Riverside<br>2 Poydras Street, New Orleans                 | 504-584-3959                 |
| Intercontinental<br>444 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans                         | 800-439-4745                 |
| International House<br>321 Camp St., New Orleans                              | 504-553-9550<br>800-633-5770 |
| Jelly Roll Suites<br>320 Andrew Higgins Dr., New Orleans                      | 504-681-0049                 |
| Omni Royal Orleans<br>621 St. Louis St., New Orleans                          | 800-578-0850                 |
| Residence Inn by Marriott<br>345 St Joseph St., New Orleans                   | 504-522-1300                 |
| SpringHill Suites Downtown<br>301 St Joseph St., New Orleans                  | 504-522-3100<br>888-287-9400 |



# MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER, NEW ORLEANS

## AREA PARKING MAP



**LEGEND**

- UPS STORE
- SCOOTER RENTAL
- BUS/SHUTTLE