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System Leaders,

On Tuesday, November 24, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Executive Proclamation Number 168 JBE 2020, which moves our state from Phase 3 of recovery to a Modified Phase 2. Pertinent to K-12 education, 168 JBE 2020 authorizes the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt rules that allow Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to continue to operate within their Phase 3 school reopening and operational guidelines. In response, I have exercised my authority as BESE President to approve effective today, emergency rules that would allow, but not require, LEAs to continue to follow for the duration of 168 JBE 2020, the Phase 3 minimum requirements for reopening school facilities.

Should you have specific questions about the requirements and guidelines for each phase (1, 2, or 3), please refer to the Louisiana Department of Education's (LDEs) Reopening Guidelines, Resources, and FAQ's found on the Strong Start page at www.louisianabelieves.com.

The Board and the LDE appreciate the work of everyone to keep students and educators safe while providing educational opportunities. Please be mindful that the COVID-19 is present in our communities and we must all do our part to help mitigate its spread.

Should you need additional information or guidance, please reach out. Our BESE Members, BESE Staff, and the LDE are always available to provide continued support through these unprecedented times.

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