

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

Below are important updates and events for the month of December. As always, please reach out with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Bono

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 26: Preparation Provider [monthly webinar](#)

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

December 17: 2020-2021 Performance Profile data verification due  
January 7: Application deadline for program approval

## **NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar**

Please join the next monthly webinar on January 26, 2021.

#### **Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, January 26 from 10-11 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact [nicole.bono@la.gov](mailto:nicole.bono@la.gov) with questions.

### **2020-2021 Performance Profile Data Verification Process**

The performance profile [data verification system](#) opened on **December 6** for all providers who completed the performance profile data collection process. The system will close on **December 17**. The user guide for the system can be found [here](#).

The data verification system allows providers to:

- Verify data that will be used in the quality rating system calculations, and

- Correct any records that have missing or incorrect data.

If you have not completed the performance profile data collection process and do not have a login to the verification system, please contact [erich.schultz@la.gov](mailto:erich.schultz@la.gov).

Please contact [erich.schultz@la.gov](mailto:erich.schultz@la.gov) and [lydia.hill@la.gov](mailto:lydia.hill@la.gov) with questions.

## **Early Literacy Workgroup**

During the recent legislative session, [ACT 438](#) was enacted, which requires that BESE revise teacher certification and education requirements to include foundational literacy standards in kindergarten through third grade coursework. Therefore, in July, the Department convened an early literacy workgroup consisting of teacher preparation providers, school system leaders, and literacy experts to align policy expectations with ACT 438 requirements.

During November's literacy meeting, the workgroup discussed three policy recommendations relative to the nine hours of reading instruction. At the conclusion of the meeting, the workgroup recommended that policy standards be designed to ensure kindergarten through third grade literacy courses address each strand of reading separately, while also integrating the five strands of reading to ensure candidates have knowledge of each strand and how the strands relate to one another.

The Department will update teacher preparation providers on all recommendations following the next workgroup meeting on January 12, 2022.

Please contact [Lydia.Hill@la.gov](mailto:Lydia.Hill@la.gov) with any questions.

## **New Teacher of the Year Award Launch**

For years, the Department has been honoring outstanding educators across the state through the Louisiana Teacher and Principal of the Year programs. The LDOE is excited to announce the addition of a new award program: [New Teacher of the Year](#). This program will recognize the outstanding contributions of first year classroom teachers. To be eligible for this award, teachers must have less than one year of experience teaching full time at the time the application is due on **February 18**.

Please contact [Laurie.Carlton@la.gov](mailto:Laurie.Carlton@la.gov) with any questions.

## **Teacher Leader Lagniappe Podcast**

[Teacher Leader Lagniappe](#) offers a little something extra for Louisiana educators. As educators, we are leaders - leaders of our families, classrooms, schools, teams, and systems. Host Em Cooper shares inspiring stories from leaders in Louisiana and across the country. You'll hear from innovators, change agents, and experts that will empower you to grow in your profession. Educators can subscribe to the [podcast](#) and listen to the latest episode.

**Episode 18 Summary:** Bruce Chaffin, Supervisor of Human Resources for the Livingston Parish Public School System and President-Elect for the Louisiana State Association of School Personnel Administrators, shares insights on the role of human resources teams, personnel concerns since the pandemic, and strategies for recruitment and retention. Rapides Parish Schools are highlighted as the recipient of the Model Schools of Excellence Award this month for their implementation of pre-educator pathways.

**Episode 19 Summary:** Annelise Cassar Tedesco, Louisiana's 2022 State Teacher of the Year, talks about the Performing Arts Academy she co-founded, the Arts Strong series she created, and the innovative work she is implementing with her arts classes.

**Episode 20 Summary:** Dr. Wendy Baudoin discusses the role of school boards and school board members, best practices for strong partnerships between boards and systems, how school board meetings work, and why it is important for communities to be involved in the local school system.

**Share Your Stories:** Educators can submit [pictures](#) of the great things happening in your school and system for our What's Making Me Smile segment.

Please contact [em.cooper@la.gov](mailto:em.cooper@la.gov) with questions.

## **Teacher Leader Summit**

Save the date: Teacher Leader Summit will take place from **May 31 - June 2, 2022** at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Please contact [LDOEvents@la.gov](mailto:LDOEvents@la.gov) with questions.

## **Certification Updates**

The certification team is currently processing applications for the **end of September, beginning of October**. If you have received feedback on a previously submitted application and know it applies to other applications (October/November), we encourage you to review October/November application submissions for accuracy and make corrections.

If an application is in the “**unassigned queue**,” you can use your “history” option to upload missing documents to correct the submission, without losing place in line. Additional documents **cannot** be uploaded to cases in the pending queue, cases assigned to a specialist, or closed cases.

**Reminder:** As of **October 1**, all certification submissions were required to be on the new application forms, completed electronically, and include a copy of driver's license and social security card.

Please contact [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov) with any questions.

## **TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL**

### **2021 Program Approval Applications**

Teacher, early childhood ancillary certificate program, educational leader proposals for initial approval, and mentor and content leader training proposals are accepted and considered by BESE twice per year. Proposals that meet all initial submission requirements will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers to ensure proposals meet policy requirements. Additionally, the [Preparation Library](#) has program approval resources, including notices of intent and application rubrics. Programs submitting applications for review and use these materials to ensure their applications align with policy requirements.

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI). The Department will send a link to the application following receipt of the NOI. The deadlines to submit notices of intent and applications are highlighted in the chart below. Note that providers may submit NOIs after the deadline. Applications must be received by the below deadlines in order for them to be reviewed during the below review cycles.

Application Portal Opens	Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation	BESE Considers (if
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<b>By</b>		<b>Deadline</b>		<b>Results</b>	<b>recommended for approval)</b>
11/01/2021	12/13/2021	1/07/2022	01/10/2022 - 02/18/2022	03/11/2022	04/13/2022
05/01/2021	6/1/2022	6/30/2022	07/01/2022 - 08/19/2022	09/12/2022	10/12/2022

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