

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

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

Sincerely,  
Nicole Bono

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 10: Teacher Leader Summit [Registration](#) opened

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

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

February 4: Teacher Leader Summit presenter [application](#) deadline

February 4: Teacher Leader Summit [Educator Expo](#) application deadline

## **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.

### **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.

**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**

The 2022 Teacher Leader Summit will be held **Tuesday, May 31 - Thursday, June 2**. We are celebrating both "Making a Comeback" and our 10th year for this event. You can access the Summit Overview document, registration portal, and presenter applications [here](#).

Our objectives for the Teacher Leader Summit are to improve the everyday practice of educators in Louisiana by building their knowledge and skill in key areas related to their role, provide opportunities for educators to collaborate and share best practices, introduce high-quality strategies, resources, and professional development aligned to the state priorities that can be adopted and scaled in schools and school systems across Louisiana and to foster a culture that celebrates and engages educators and empowers and inspires them to take on an even greater leadership role within their classrooms, schools, and school systems.

To enhance the experience of educators attending the Teacher Leader Summit, we have added:

- keynote speakers
- an expanded audience of attendees to include arts teachers, libraries, counselors, and other teacher roles
- an event app called Whova which allows attendees to register and schedule sessions within the same platform and use features such as being able to communicate with event managers and engage in multiple contests throughout the event.
- networking opportunities will be made available throughout the event, including vendor sponsored morning and evening socials.
- adjustments to the schedule so that days end earlier
- a two-day Education Expo to network with professional learning partners and non-profits

Early bird registration opened **January 10**. To commemorate our 10 year anniversary, a Summit T-shirt and tote bag will be included in the registration.

[Presenter applications](#) are currently being accepted until **February 4**. Please encourage your faculty to apply to present.

[Education Expo applications](#) are now open until February 4. Professional learning [partners](#) and non-profit organizations aligned to the Department's priorities are encouraged to apply. This is a great opportunity to highlight graduate programs to educators.

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

## **ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) Pilot Updates**

**Please share with faculty who teach ELA courses.**

The Department is excited to announce we have partnered with [The Writing Revolution](#) to incorporate an explicit writing progression utilizing The Hochman Method® in the ELA Guidebooks. The following updated ELA Guidebook units for grades 3-5 have been added to the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#): Because of Winn-Dixie (3rd grade), The Whipping Boy (4th grade), and The Birchbark House (5th grade).

These units include core and optional activities to support diverse learners and progressive writing strategies to strengthen students' writing skills. The Department will be soliciting teacher feedback on the updated units and the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) [feedback form](#).

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

## **TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL**

### **2021-2022 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.

<b>Application Portal Opens By</b>	<b>Notice of Intent Submitted By</b>	<b>Application Submission Deadline</b>	<b>Evaluation Period</b>	<b>Notification of Evaluation Results</b>	<b>BESE Considers (if 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
05/01/2022	6/1/2022	6/30/2022	07/01/2022 - 08/19/2022	09/12/2022	10/12/2022

If you have any questions, please contact [Lydia.Hill@la.gov](mailto:Lydia.Hill@la.gov).