

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

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

Sincerely,  
Nicole Bono

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 10: Early literacy workgroup meeting

November 19: Pre-educator pathway [support call](#)

December 1: Preparation provider [monthly webinar](#)

December 9: Preparation provider [office hours](#)

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

November 19: 2020-2021 Performance Profile data collection due

December 13: NOI due for April program approvals

December 17: 2020-2021 Performance Profile data verification due

## **NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar**

Please join the next monthly webinar on December 1, 2021.

#### **Webinar Details:**

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, December 1 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.

### **Preparation Provider Office Hours**

The Department will again offer office hour calls designed and led by teacher preparation provider faculty throughout the 2021-2022 school year. These calls will cover topics relevant to the work of preparation programs. Please join us for the December office hours call which will focus on supporting post

baccalaureate participants. This call will be led by teacher preparation faculty from LRCE, Louisiana Tech, and St. Bernard.

**Webinar Date/Time:** December 9 from 12-1 p.m.

**Webinar link:** <https://tinyurl.com/wzkxb54a>

**Meeting ID:** 936 6026 8060

**Passcode:** 904425

**Phone:** 1-470-381-2552

If you or other faculty members from your program are interested in co-facilitating an office hours session this year or have suggestions for additional topics, please email [nicole.bono@la.gov](mailto:nicole.bono@la.gov).

### **Resident Funding Increase**

The amount of funding school systems will receive for resident teachers is increasing from \$1,000 to **\$1,800**. This will go into effect this school year, 2021-2022.

Residents eligible for this funding are year-long undergraduate residents who hold a resident certificate by October 1, 2021 and are completing their residency in a public school. This increase is only for residents; the Mentor allocation will still be **\$1,000**.

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

### **Performance Profile Data Collection Process**

The Department has launched the data collection and verification process for the 2020-2021 Performance Profiles on **November 4**. All data must be submitted for the data collection by **November 19**.

The following data is collected for the performance profiles:

- 2020-2021 Program completers residency year and location
- 2020-2021 Post-baccalaureate program completers route type (certification only, master's, or practitioner teacher)
- 2020-2021 Add-on certification program completers certified in high-need certification areas
- [VAM consent forms](#) for program completers (the consent form has been updated to allow for electronic signatures)

The data collection file for each preparation provider has been uploaded in your [FTP folder](#). Please email [erich.schultz@la.gov](mailto:erich.schultz@la.gov) and [lydia.hill@la.gov](mailto:lydia.hill@la.gov) if you would like to schedule office hour time regarding the data collection.

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

### **Pre-Educator Pathway Support**

The next Pre-Educator Pathway statewide check-in will be held on **November 19**. All system leaders, school leaders, CTE coordinators, college counselors and teacher prep faculty connected to grow your own work are encouraged to attend this check-in as we will discuss and share updates related to the pathway and continue to highlight best practices for establishing a strong regional grow your own program.

- **Webinar date/time:** Friday, November 19, 12-1 p.m.
- **Webinar link:** <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/3455048179>
- **Meeting ID:** 345 504 8179
- **Phone number:** 1-470-381-2552

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

### **Early Literacy Workgroup**

In July, the Department convened an early literacy workgroup consisting of teacher preparation providers, school system leaders, and literacy experts to clarify policy expectations relative to the coverage of research-based literacy instruction and teaching reading exams. The next workgroup meeting will be held on November 10, 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how teacher preparation programs with strengths in literacy training address the nine hours of reading instruction and infuse the five components of reading into coursework. The workgroup will use the presented information to make policy recommendations regarding research-based literacy practices.

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

### **Waiver for Ida Impacted Programs**

In October, BESE waived the 270 hours of student teaching or first-semester year long residency requirements due to Hurricane Ida.

- The waiver is reserved for candidates enrolled in teacher preparation programs located in parishes declared a major disaster due to the impact of Hurricane Ida, including Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. James, Tangipahoa, and Terrebonne.
- These candidates will likely not be able to complete all of the required student teaching hours or first-semester yearlong residency requirements due to school closures and widespread power outages in impacted parishes.

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

Recently released episodes are below

**Episode 14:** Louisiana's Broadband Strategy with Veneeth Iyengar

**Episode 15:** Calcasieu Parish Schools, A Story of Resilience with Superintendent Karl Bruchhaus

**Episode 16:** I'm a Teacher First with 2022 Principal of the Year Marco French

**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.

### **Certification Updates**

The certification team appreciates your patience while we work through our technical issues. While all of the technical issues have not been resolved, the Department has been able to resolve enough technical issues so that all normal operations in our online portal resumed as of Friday, October 15. Please keep in

mind that all of our issues have not been resolved, so if you notice any anomaly, please let us know by emailing [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov) or scheduling an office hours appointment.

Many of the applications submitted in August were returned due to lacking the appropriate fee or two forms of identification. If the application indicated an ID and SS card was needed, it should be included. Please read email messages carefully and follow the instructions so as not to lose your place in line.

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

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 are 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 By	Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
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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