



LPSS Prepares For 403b Changeover



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BESE Special Meeting to Consider John White's ESSA Plan

LPAE Hosts Successful Read Across America Event

Special thanks goes out to Patsy Sonnier, Chairperson of the LPAE Read Across America Committee for hosting another year of reading fun. Local residents joined LPAE at the Main Branch of the Lafayette Public Library for cake, crafts, and the Cat!

Firefighters, school district employees, journalists, and LPSB members took a turn in the readers' circle to share stories from Dr. Seuss. Volunteer student leaders from Lafayette High School helped with an awesome craft activity. Several lucky participants won door prizes.

The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 20th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources. Find out more at www.nea.org.



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LPAE/LAE Elections Seek New Leaders

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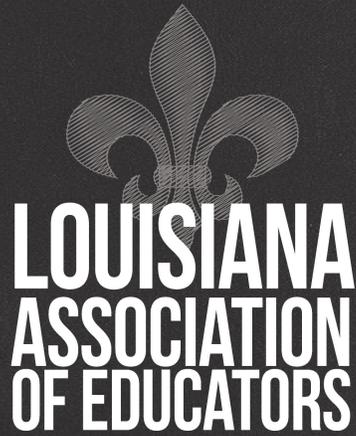
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ESSA meeting

John White's most glaring proposal would make student growth a substantial component of the calculations used to grade schools: 25% of total score, compared to 7% currently used.

Public education advocates including Louisiana district superintendents, school boards, and teachers suggest that by placing an increased emphasis on test scores as a measure of academic success, the accountability system could muddle school letter grades, making some schools appear better performing than they would be based on test scores alone.

LPAE continues to advocate for a more authentic assessment of public schools in our state through local control based on multiple measures of measurement, employee input, small class-size, and consistent discipline enforcement.



2017

SUMMER
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

BALANCING

BOLD LEADERSHIP

SAVE THE DATES OF

PARAGON CASINO RESORT: MARKSVILLE, LA

JUNE
12, 13, 14

Are you an association advocate interested in Building, Owning, Leading, and Developing action in your school/community? If so, we need YOU at the LAE 2017 Summer Leadership Conference! During this three-day training, local teams of LAE leaders will explore how they can balance leadership and advocacy to drive BOLD action that will lead to positive impacts for Louisiana's schools and the students they serve.

Contact your LAE UniServ Director or visit lae.org for more information!

Congratulations to Our Outstanding LPAE Members

Teacher of the Year – 2018

Acadian MS
Paul Breaux MS
Broussard MS
Carencro HS
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Lafayette HS
Edgar Martin MS
SJ Montgomery ES
Northside HS
David Thibodaux STEM MS
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Ivy Wiltz LPSS MS Teacher of the Year
Karen Gutsmedl
Heather Olson (semi-finalist)
Paula W. Domingue
Shana Sampia
Christine McCrory LPSS HS Teacher of the Year
Angela Boxie (semi-finalist)
Angie McKinley
Bobbi Porter (semi-finalist)
Sandra Lazare
Arlene Thibodeaux (semi-finalist)

Principal of the Year – 2018

Broussard MS

John Mouton LPSS M.S. Principal of the Year

LACUE Area 4 Tech Teachers of the Year

Carencro Height ES

Katie Geiger – Early Childhood

LA Showcase of Marching Bands

Lafayette HS

Scotty Walker – Band Director Grand Champions