

# BESE Newsletter

## Date Of Meeting: June 16, 2020

### Message from Me!

Hello everyone! This is the newsletter for the June 16th A.G.I.I. Committee meeting. I was so excited to be able to attend this meeting. Precautions were taken, as people were perfectly distanced and wore masks at all times. I hope that everyone is still staying safe and enjoying the summer. If anyone has questions, please email me or call me!



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### 3 Main Topics Covered:

- The Interests and Opportunities Indicator
- Cancellation of 2019-2020 LEAP 2025 Test Taking for Graduating Seniors
- Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs Revisions

### Interest and Opportunities Indicator:

The Interests and Opportunities Indicator (IOI) was introduced into the 2019-2020 school year. This is used to comprise about 5% of a school's performance score (SPS). It is used to measure the degree to which schools are providing students with access to a well-rounded education by offering diverse areas of learning in order to develop skills and talents. The revision proposed was called the "hold harmless" policy. If the IOI shows a result in lower SPS in areas of Louisiana, the IOI will be omitted in the SPS calculation for the 2020-2021 school year. I asked the board a question on the affected school score. My question was, "Would this revision to bulletin 111, allow a school whose School Performance Score dropped because of the IOI, to be changed back to its score before the Indicator was used?". An official spoke on the matter and said yes. So, if a certain SPS drops due to the IOI factor, that certain SPS will be changed back to its score before the Indicator was used. The motion was passed.

**Cancellation of 2019-2020 LEAP 2025 Test Taking for Graduating Seniors:**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, students in Louisiana were not able to take the LEAP 2025, which is required for each student to take on certain courses depending on which grade they are in. So, that means that if the waiver did not pass, the 2019-2020 graduating seniors would have to come back to take the LEAP 2025, which can span over days. BESE passed the motion that the LEAP 2025 for the recent school year be exempt and for all graduating seniors of the 2019-2020 school year to be exempt from taking the LEAP 2025 in order to graduate. From a student mindset, this is an amazing thing and I can tell you that every graduating senior agrees!

**Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs Revisions:**

COVID-19 affected a major unemployment rate in areas all across our country. This is a major devastation in the program of child care. Due to adults wanting to help in the child care section but also trying to find jobs after our stay at home order, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) recommended to create a limited exception that would allow families to qualify for the CCAP while seeking employment or enrolling in school. This would make Louisiana the twenty-first state to provide this limited opportunity. The motion was passed!

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**Next A.G.I.I. Meeting:  
August 11, 2020**

