



SBESE NEWSLETTER



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Date of Meeting: December 14, 2021
Next Meeting: January 18, 2021

PRIMARY TOPICS

1. UPDATE REPORT REGARDING THE LOUISIANA COMEBACK PLAN
2. PROMULGATING LEARNING PODS
3. UPDATE REPORT REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

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A Word From Me:

Hey Louisiana! By the time you are reading my next newsletter, the Louisiana Association of Student Council's BESE Student Representative Selection Committee will have carefully deliberated and voted on my successor. With this in mind, I would like to take a moment to express how truly grateful I have been to partake in this opportunity to serve as Student Representative over the course of the past year. Although my time is coming to a close, I sincerely appreciate all of the people who provided me with the opportunity and have helped me along the way. I have gained so much from this experience, and I hope that I can instill some of the lessons I have encountered while on Board into the heart of whoever the next Student Representative may be. But until then, enjoy the newsletter!

Update Report Regarding the Louisiana Comeback Plan:

With the help of the Louisiana Comeback Plan, school systems from all around the state have been thriving due to the granting of federal stimulus dollars that were awarded as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. From an administrative perspective, Louisiana Comeback sought to identify some of the high leverage areas that required financial support and attention so that federal spending could be spent similarly across school systems. These areas include attendance and well-being, recovery and acceleration, and professional learning. At the bottom of my newsletter, I have attached a link to the Louisiana Comeback website, which includes information about plans that have already been approved by LDOE as well as the distribution of ESSER



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allocations. At the December AGII Committee Meeting, the board had the privilege of listening to an update report provided by Deputy Chief of Staff Danielle Mitchell. Mrs Mitchell highlighted some of the efforts that LDOE has made as an agency to ensure that the goals and beliefs of Louisiana Comeback are not merely stated, but are put into action.

Promulgating Learning Pods:

At the October 2021 BESE Regular Legislative Session, there was a request for the board to promulgate rules around the institution of learning pods as an alternative educational method. To quote Act 400 of 2021 of the Louisiana Legislature, "For purposes of this Chapter, 'learning pod' means a group of least ten students enrolled in the school who receive instruction in a small group setting." However, at this point in time without an enabling statute, the board was unable to definitively promulgate a list of direction and guidance regarding the institution of learning pods without first

approaching the state legislature at the next legislative session.

Update Report Regarding Accountability Commission:

The Louisiana School Board Association recommended the addition of two new seats to the Accountability Commission: a representative from the Louisiana School Board Association and an LEA representative on Special Student populations to ensure a positive impact of future accountability proposals on every student. The Board approved a motion to request that the Accountability Commission amend their bylaws to add the two new seats.

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do it well." - Walt
Disney*

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