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### Corrected Action Alert

## Let LDOE Know Your Priorities for Spending Special Education Funds

April 13, 2016

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is seeking public input on its proposed FFY 2016 IDEA grant application - which is the plan for statewide special education activities and funding for next year.

This application is the plan for all statewide special education activities and funding for the next school year.

### **CORRECTION:**

Stakeholders have until **May 1st** to provide input on the proposed FFY 2016 IDEA grant application.

Follow the links to the [FFY 2016 IDEA grant application and budget](#).

and the FFY 2016 IDEA State Plan [Comment Form](#) (due May 1st)!

### **Please also share your comments with the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council to increase your voice.**

Next week (April 20th and 21st) the Council will decide on recommendations for LDOE to consider regarding its proposed FFY 2016 IDEA State Plan.

Send comments to: [shawn.fleming@la.gov](mailto:shawn.fleming@la.gov)

## Additional Information

LDOE said the FFY 2016 IDEA grant application has the following priorities:

- Maximize the amount of funds to local school systems.
- Provide direct support to local school systems.
- Expand projects based on stakeholder feedback.

The FFY 2016 IDEA grant application indicates how LDOE plans to spend the \$24.5 million for statewide initiatives. The total IDEA award to Louisiana is \$192.4, of which \$162.4 million goes directly to local school systems based on how many students with disabilities are served.

Below is a slide from the LDOE presentation to the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) detailing IDEA funding levels to various priority projects.

## FFY 2016 IDEA Grant Application

The FFY 2016 application includes multiple priority projects that provide direct support to LEAs.

Activity	FFY15	FFY16
TIERS	\$171,900	\$820,990
PBIS	\$326,168	\$500,000
LASARD	\$518,760	\$551,000
JAG	\$780,000	\$780,000
Jump Start Implementation	\$200,000	\$647,742
Teacher Preparation	\$0	\$1,000,000
High Cost Pool	\$4,400,000	\$4,400,000
Assistive Technology	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
SSIP Implementation	\$0	\$250,000

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Additional dollars cover LDOE staff salaries, travel, and resources. [Click here](#) for a breakdown of the IDEA state activities budget from FFY10 thru FFY16.

### **CORRECTION:**

The Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) official motion passed on March 30, 2016 was to receive the report, and recommend that the Department:

- revisit projects in item J. and consider relocating them to item T of the application;
- review TIERS effectiveness data and determine if those funds should be redirected to the High Cost Services fund;
- explore opportunities for Office of Juvenile Justice alignment within item R; and,
- send the final application with a breakdown of projects in each category to the Panel before it is submitted in May.

SEAP will **not** have another opportunity to discuss the grant application prior to it being submitted.

## Additional Stakeholder Opportunity!

Learn more about the FFY16 IDEA budget proposal and voice your perspectives!

### **Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, Employment and Education Committee**

April 20, 2016, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## Any questions?

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