



Action Alert #17 Let BESE Hear from you!

June 14, 2019

Do you think BESE should hold all charter schools accountable for following the law?

Do you think BESE should continue to allow a school system to not have adequate support staff for students with disabilities year after year?

If these issues matter to you:

- [Contact BESE](#) before Monday, June 17th and
- Join LaCAN members in your Yellow Shirt:

WHEN

Monday, June 17th	10:00 a.m. School Innovation and Turnaround Committee
Tuesday, June 18th	9:30 a.m. School Innovation and Turnaround Committee
Wednesday, June 19th	11:00 a.m. Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee

WHERE

Claiborne Building, Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100
1201 North Third St.
Baton Rouge, La 70802

If you plan to attend, need a yellow shirt, or want to find out about carpooling options, contact your [LaCAN Leader](#).

Additional Information

Charter Schools Violating the Law

School Innovation and Turnaround Committee

Monday, June 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

[Agenda](#) items 2.1 and 2.2, and

Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

[Agenda](#) items 4.1 and 4.2.

On Monday and Tuesday the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee will consider

whether to close two charter schools that failed to meet the requirements of state law. It is commendable BESE is holding schools accountable and will consider closing some schools due to not meeting the requirements in law. The Council has long advocated for charter schools to be held accountable for meeting the state law requiring enrollment of students with disabilities at rates similar to the rates found in local traditional public schools (R.S. 17:3991.B). Reports have consistently revealed most charter schools are in violation of this state law.

For the third year in a row a local school system is seeking approval to have less Social Workers or Educational Diagnosticians than required by regulations.

Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

[Agenda](#) item 3.1

On Wednesday, the Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee will consider whether to approve a request by the Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) to have less social workers and educational diagnosticians than required by regulations (i.e. [Bulletin 1706](#)). The LPSS requests the waiver to increase the:

- student:pupil appraisal social worker ratio from 3,200:1 to 3,750:1; and
- student:pupil appraisal educational diagnosticians ratio from 2,400:1 to 3,300:1.

In 2017 and 2018 LPSS also requested and was allowed to not have to meet the required ratio of social workers and educational diagnostician with the understanding positions will be added as the budget allows.

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