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Dr. Cade Brumley
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Louisiana Department of Education
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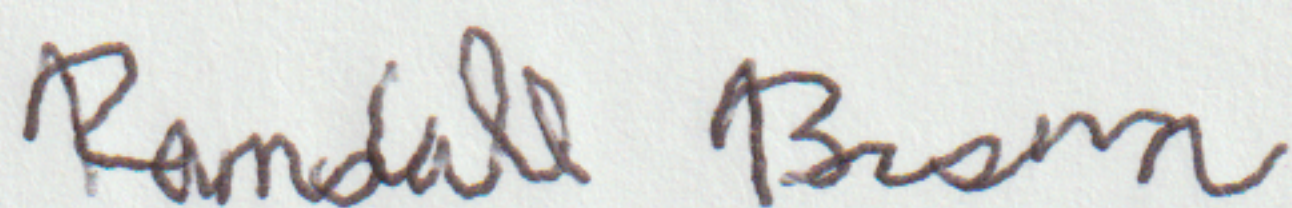
Dear Dr. Brumley,

As Chair of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, I want to express our welcome of the upcoming appointment of Meredith Jordan as our new Department of Education agency representative on the Council. We look forward to working with her to further our mutual goal of ensuring that school is an inclusive, enriching and safe experience for students with Developmental Disabilities.

According to information released on August 3, 2021, the Spring 2021 LEAP Assessments showed that in person students significantly outperformed remote learners. This data is particularly concerning to the Developmental Disabilities Council, as many of our students with Developmental Disabilities need to engage in virtual learning at this time, as they are also medically fragile. Given this data, the Council is asking for further information on the Department of Education's plan for the upcoming school year. Specifically, what is the Department of Education's plan to mitigate that gap for students that continue to engage in virtual education? In addition, what are the guidelines that the Department is giving to school districts regarding Covid policies and protocols?

I would like to extend the Council's willingness and availability to consult with your team regarding these and any other mutual interests that you may encounter, at your request. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Department of Education and to receiving your response. Feel free to contact me at LADDC.Chair@la.gov.

Thank you for your time.



Randall Brown
Chair