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Date; September 18, 2014

To: BoR Advisory Council for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Members

From: Dr. Jeanne M. Burns
Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leader Initiatives

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Subject: Agenda for the First Meeting of the BoR Advisory Council for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of the Advisory Council for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness meeting that has been formed by the Louisiana Board of Regents. As you are aware, the first meeting that will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM in the Thomas Jefferson Room, (Room 1-136), Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Please go to the following URL if you need directions to locate the Claiborne Building: <http://doa.louisiana.gov/cc/directions.htm>.

You will find attached a copy of the agenda for the meeting. The focus of the first meeting will be teacher preparation. The focus of the spring 2015 meeting will be educational leadership preparation. As noted on the agenda, the outcome of the September 23, 2014 meeting will be to have council members provide input pertaining to (1) improving redesigned teacher preparation programs, (2) communicating relevant information about redesigned teacher preparation programs to the public, and (3) identifying research questions to be answered about teacher preparation effectiveness. The meeting is being structured to provide advisory council members maximum time to have open discussions about each of these areas.

The attachment also provides an overview of Teacher Preparation Transformation 1.0 that occurred from 1999-2010 as major changes occurred in teacher certification and teacher preparation in Louisiana due to recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence. As you are aware from 2003 to 2010, all pre-redesign preparation programs in Louisiana were terminated and redesigned preparation programs were not approved until they were reviewed by national experts and met higher state expectations. Since 2010, the universities have continued to make changes to their programs as they embark upon Teacher Preparation Transformation 2.0 and integrate the State's new content standards and aligned assessments into their curriculum. If members do not have time to review the attached documents prior to the meeting, we will provide a brief overview of the changes at the beginning of the meeting.

Please fill out the attached document and return it to our office.

Again, we plan to use the input from this meeting and future council meetings to further improve the effectiveness of new teachers and leaders who complete our programs. Please feel free to contact me at jeanne.burns@la.gov or 225-342-4253 if you have any questions. We look forward to your involvement.