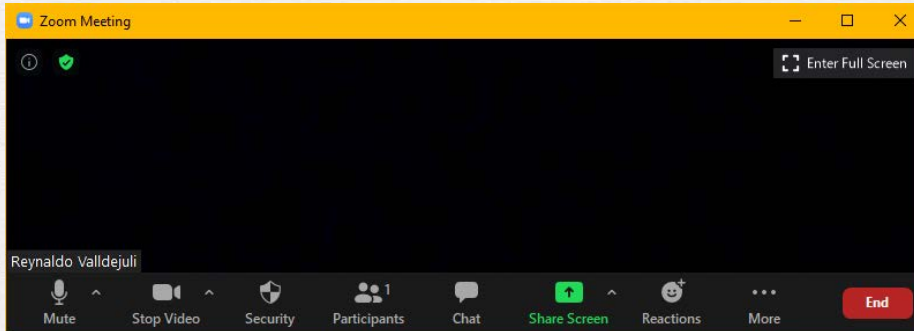


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LEA Focus Group Monthly Call

February 23, 2021

11:00AM

Believe to Achieve

The Department recently released [Believe to Achieve: Educational Priorities](#). This priorities plan serves as the Department's roadmap to improving outcomes for all Louisiana children.

Believe to Achieve includes the Department's new belief statements, state data to help track progress toward Louisiana's six critical goals, and the new priorities that will direct the LDOE's efforts as they work toward achieving the critical goals. Each priority outlines focus areas for the key actions and initiatives.

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Believe to Achieve

Meeting Objectives

Gather LEA insight and feedback on current and prospective practices or ideas

Explore and identify elements that may need to be modified or improved



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EdLink Project Updates

- EdLink 360 Data Warehouse
 - 2020-2021 Parallel Data Collections extract [data submission schedule](#) is posted on the [System Support page](#)
 - EdLink resources are available on the [EdLink 360 support page](#)
 - File Processing dashboards are operational
 - Data Quality dashboards are operational
 - Data Reporting Pilot – March 2021
 - EdLink trainings – May 2021
 - EdLink webpage – July 2021
 - EdLink GoLive – August 2021
- EdLink Ops - in Development

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EdLink Communications - EdLink 360 Support Page



EdLink 360 (Data Warehouse) – Support Page

Extract File Layouts	EdLink 360 User Guides	Student TBL tables Staff Reference and TBL tables	StaffID Assignments	2021-22 Master Course Code Redesign	2020-2021 Parallel Data Submission Schedule	EdLink Security
EdLink FAQ						

Contact: EdLink360@ja.gov

- EdLink 360 resources are posted on the [EdLink 360 support page](#)
 - User Guides
 - Extract File layouts
 - Sample Extract files
 - Student and Staff tables
 - Training Links
 - List of Recent Updates

EdLink Stakeholder Engagement

- Beginning in March, LDOE will be rolling out a formal plan to engage stakeholders in the EdLink project
 - Purpose: Ensure all stakeholder groups receive EdLink project updates & have opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback
- Internal Stakeholders: LDOE Agency Staff
 - EdLink Virtual Brown Bag: Whole Agency – **February 25 through June 17, 2021**
 - Monthly Internal Office Working Groups: Office Specific Updates
- School Systems: LEA Data Managers & School System/School Leaders
 - LEA Focus Group
 - Monthly Data Manager Webinars and Weekly Office Hours
 - School System Leaders Focus Group

EdLink 360 Focus Group Opportunity

The EdLink 360 school system focus group will center on planning and implementation of EdLink at the system level. EdLink 360 goes live in August.

Next Steps to Participate:

- School systems should identify teams
- Designate one member per system to complete this [survey](#) by **March 19**
- Join the Department via Zoom Tuesday **March 23 at 11 a.m.** (*formal invite to be sent to registered participants*)

Project updates and resources for school system implementation will be released in future System Leaders Monthly Calls.

Please contact EdLink360@la.gov with questions.



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EdLink 360 File Processing Dashboards

- File extracts should be uploaded to the EdLink FTP server daily, no later than 7:00pm
- Files are processed and results are available in EdLink 360 by 7:00am the following morning
- EdLink 360 file processing dashboards are available for verifying the results which may include:
 - file rejection errors – errors that prevent the file from being processed
 - *e.g. invalid file signature, invalid file name, required columns missing, etc.*
 - file record rejection errors – errors that prevent the record from being loaded to the data warehouse
 - *e.g. data type mismatch, duplicate records, data exceeds defined column length, etc.*
 - build audit errors – errors that occur when data is loaded to the warehouse but it does not align with business rules to connect it to other data and populate all fields correctly
 - *e.g. invalid dates, codes, keys, etc.*
- **In Progress:** We are currently reviewing the error messages that are displayed during file processing to improve readability and to provide a clearer explanation of what corrective action should be taken (*e.g. addition of error codes, rewording/reformatting error messages,*

etc.)

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EdLink 360 Reporting Dashboard Pilot

- In March, we would like to release a set of reporting dashboards for feedback
 - Purpose: To allow data managers early access to a set of reporting dashboards that will eventually be released the field; to provide feedback on the functionality and usefulness of those dashboards; to ensure LEA data needs are met with the data
- Proposed Reporting Dashboards
 - School System Info - School Directory & School Profile
 - Enrollment Overview - Current and Year over Year enrollment, overall and by various subgroups
- These dashboards will be pushed to EdLink and available in the waffle under “Essentials”

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CVR Verification Flags - Update

- Problem: CVR is going away with EdLink. Two flags were previously added to the *staff_course_offering_link_ext.tsv* extract to identify teacher & principal roster verification.
 - Vendors will no longer be required to send the flags represented by fields *TEACHER_CLASS_ROSTER_REVIEW* and *PRINCIPAL_CLASS_ROSTER_REVIEW*
- Solution: LDOE will develop a dashboard with course/student rosters to verify, similar to the current CVR portal – April 2022 implementation
 - Teachers & Principals can log in to EdLink & view rosters
 - Verification window will be established, and teacher/principal will need to work with data manager to make class schedule updates as needed
 - Usage & Statistics dashboard will be developed to identify which teachers & leaders are visiting the verification portal.

EdLink Security – State User ID

- There is a State User ID field in the eScholar StaffID template which must be maintained in order for EdLink security to work properly.
- It has been mentioned by data managers and vendors that it would be a heavy lift to have to maintain this field for all users in your school system who are approved to access EdLink 360.

For Weigh In:

In order that we may investigate possible options for maintaining this information in eScholar, please elaborate about what difficulty you may have in trying to update and maintain this field.

2021-22 System Enhancements Preview

NOTE: *This is not a complete or formal list. LDOE to release a full list of enhancements via email. The March focus group meeting will be used for questions and feedback.*

- Student level indicator for method of instruction delivery - fully virtual, in person, combination in person and virtual (hybrid)
- K-3 Literacy/KEA exception code updates - expiration of old codes & language updates only
- CUR distance learning code updates - expiration of old codes
- 2022-23 Location ID Implementation
- STS calculation to check assessment records
- STS Jumpstart 2.0 IBC to pathway check
- SER remove Correctional facility from Placement/LRE on IEP
- Digital Learning Portal to capture technology related data (completed by tech directors)

Outstanding Questions and Concerns

Question	Response
1. When can we expect EdLink Reporting dashboards to be available?	end of March 2021
2. When can we expect Data Validation dashboards to be available	April 2021

Topic Suggestions for Upcoming Meetings

We will continue to use the focus group meetings to get feedback and input on topics of importance to data managers.

Future topics:

- 2021-22 System Enhancements technical details
- New EdLink web page under development
- Snapshot Processing
- Partial File Updates
- Dropout Corrections

Suggestions for Other topics? Please email Crystal.Wilkinson@la.gov

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

11:00AM - 12:00PM