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Associate Commissioner to Testify Before U.S. Committee on Education and Labor

Louisiana Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives Dr. Jeanne Burns will testify this afternoon before the House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor regarding teacher quality initiatives in the state. Dr. Burns' testimony will begin at 2 p.m.

The committee invited Dr. Burns to describe the 10-year process that led to the redesign of Louisiana's teacher and educational leader preparation programs. Dr. Burns will also explain how Louisiana developed its nationally recognized Value-Added Model which uses student test results to measure the effectiveness of new teachers in the classroom.

Louisiana's teacher quality initiatives were developed in collaboration with the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Louisiana's Blue Ribbon Commission, the Department of Education, higher education leadership and Dr. George Noell of Louisiana State University.

Who: Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives

When: May 4, 2010 at 2 p.m.

Where: U.S. Committee on Education and Labor, Washington, D.C.

What: Testimony regarding teacher quality initiatives in Louisiana

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