

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Larry Tremblay  
Acting Deputy Commissioner**

**SECTION:**

Academic Affairs

**TITLE OF INITIATIVE:**

Teacher and Educational Leadership Initiatives

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- To work collaboratively with the Office of the Governor, Board of Regents, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Louisiana Department of Education, university systems, universities/colleges, and districts to (1) identify new and innovative research-based strategies to enhance the quality of teachers and educational leaders who complete new and redesigned university preparation programs and (2) attain external funding to support the successful implementation of the strategies.
- To work in a proactive manner with the Office of the Governor, Board of Regents, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Louisiana Department of Education, university systems, universities/colleges, and districts to address issues and needs pertaining to teacher quality and educational leadership and keep the Commissioner of Higher Education and Office of the Governor informed about important needs and issues.

**MAJOR INITIATIVES:**

- *Academic Affairs Program Review (Teacher Education and Educational Leadership Programs):* To oversee the evaluation, approval, and removal of teacher and educational leadership preparation programs and attain approval of new policies.
- *Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence:* To plan and implement activities for Commission meetings to assist members in developing recommendations pertaining to specific needs that impact teachers and educational leaders.
- *Teacher Preparation Accountability System & Institutional Reports:* To collect data from all public and private teacher preparation programs to prepare yearly state institutional reports and federal reports, report the results to the U.S. Department of Education as part of the 1998 Higher Education Act, and issue monetary performance-based rewards to public and private universities.
- *Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning:* To oversee activities and the administration of funds (through subgrants and contracts) to support new and innovative research/ideas that impact teaching and learning in Louisiana's schools.
- *The Carnegie Corporation of New York Grant:* To oversee activities and the administration of funds (through subgrants and contracts) for the purpose of implementing a value-added model that examines growth of learning of children taught by new teachers who completed teacher preparation programs within public/private universities and private providers.
- *The Wallace Foundation Grant:* To oversee activities and the administration of funds (through subgrants and contracts) that support efforts to prepare and support highly effective educational leaders who can improve student achievement in schools.

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**LINK(S) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

*Teacher Education:* [http://www.regents.state.la.us/Academic/TE/teacher\\_education\\_initiatives\\_we.htm](http://www.regents.state.la.us/Academic/TE/teacher_education_initiatives_we.htm)  
*Educational Leadership:* <http://www.leadlouisiana.net>