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SECTION:

Planning and Research

TITLE OF INITIATIVE:

Student Transcript System

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), in conjunction with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) and the Louisiana Board of Regents (BoR), created the Student Transcript System (STS) that enables the school districts, along with charter schools, laboratory schools, and nonpublic schools, to transmit student transcript data. Other states have embarked on developing, implementing, and utilizing these types of systems, however, LDE has been able to develop and implement Louisiana's system at a far lesser cost and in a shorter period of time. We have no doubt that this system has become a model for other states.

Beginning with the graduates of 2002-2003, all schools were required to submit student transcript information electronically via STS. The data submitted during the school year are used for determining TOPS eligibility. In addition to assisting in the determination of TOPS eligibility, the system will provide an automated evaluation of the high school transcript to enable our four-year institutions to make fair, objective, consistent, and timely admissions decisions, based on Master Plan criteria.

LDE collects STS data on all high school students (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders). Schools are required to submit transcript data on all students, whether or not they are eligible for TOPS. The transcript data will be submitted directly to LDE for retrieval by BoR. BoR worked with the postsecondary campuses to implement the interface by which the campuses access the transcripts.

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