June 26, 2013

The Honorable Conrad Appel, Chairman

Senate Education Committee

P. O. Box 94183

Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Senator Appel:

Enclosed is the “Louisiana Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Accountability Report.” This report has been prepared to comply with HCR 130 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature, the MFP Resolution, specifically, Section XII (A) Accountability for School Performance.

Criteria set forth in HCR 130 require that certain data be reported on each school recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education. Utilizing school year 2011-12 information, specific information included in the report, by school, is as follows:

1. School Data – School name, city, and district; Type of school; October 1 elementary/secondary enrollment; and grade span.
2. Accountability Data – scores and labels.
3. Fiscal Data – expenditures per elementary/secondary enrollment for classroom instruction (less adult education) and pupil/instruction support.
4. Student Demographic Data – percent of students eligible for free and/or reduced lunch (“at-risk”), students with exceptionalities (special ed), gifted/talented, and minority; advanced placement data; student attendance rates; and pupil-teacher ratios.
5. Teacher data – Average FTE teacher salaries (object 112, function 1000 series); percent of teachers certified; average years of experience; percent master’s degree and above; percent turnover; percent Minority; and teachers’ days absent. All teacher data (excluding salaries) reported for certified teachers.
6. Staffing data – number per 1,000 pupils for certified teachers, uncertified teachers, and instructional aides.

A print copy of the MFP Accountability Report is enclosed with this letter. Legislators and others that receive a copy of this letter may access the report on the Department of Education’s website at the following link:

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/minimum-foundation-program>

If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact the Louisiana Department of Education. You may call the Department’s toll-free number at 1-877-453-2721.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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