



ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONAL  
EDUCATORS of LOUISIANA

## Statement of Support Louisiana's Race to the Top Application and Plan

The leadership of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (A+PEL) expresses its support for Louisiana's participation in the Race to the Top (R2T) application and the plan developed by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) in collaboration with the state's education community, as well as other groups inside and outside Louisiana.

We not only encourage Louisiana's participation in Race to the Top, but we would also like to express our intent to be involved in development and implementation of specific reforms proposed in the initiative. We have a vested interest in providing certainty that every classroom in the state is led by an effective teacher. We pledge to do the following should the state successfully win a share of R2T funding.

- *Work collaboratively with the state to develop the Comprehensive Performance Management System, including measurements of teacher effectiveness and targeted professional development modules that align to teachers' professional needs.*
- *Collaborate with the LDOE to find creative ways to send highly effective teachers to the state's highest-need schools.*
- *Engage in the development of sustainable, performance-driven compensation systems.*
- *Work with the LDOE to design a performance-driven tenure notification system.*
- *Participate in committees to study and promote the best practices developed through R2T.*
- *Work with the LDOE in any other manner that ensures every classroom in Louisiana has an effective teacher and every school an effective leader.*

We support this federal program, and intend to continue to find ways to support Louisiana's education system to ensure that our state implements Race to the Top in the most effective way possible. We urge fellow educators, as well as parents, businesses and other members of the community to support Louisiana's participation in this program.

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