



Stakeholder Survey Results Released On Implementation of Early Learning Reform

From July 23rd and August 2nd Education's Next Horizon hosted nine (9) regional community forums to gather stakeholder input for the development of an implementation plan for Act 3, the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Act of the 2012 Legislative Session. The forums were held in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, and the Department of Health and Hospitals. A total of 317 individuals attended the forums. To gather additional input on Act 3, Education's Next Horizon conducted an online survey in which 507 individuals responded. Ideas and recommendations generated in the forums and the survey are being used by state agency work groups to develop an implementation plan to be voted on by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in December 2012.

Education's Next Horizon and its strategic partner, the Louisiana Partnership for Children & Families, have collaborated to develop their own set of recommendations and policy briefs for the implementation of Act 3. The policy briefs provide background, research findings, and context on several of the recommendations that have been put forth by both groups. The organizations have submitted the recommendations and policy briefs to the state policymakers and early learning stakeholders across the state. Nearly thirty (30) other organizations have endorsed the recommendations and policy briefs.

Click [here](#) to download the survey results, a report of the stakeholder forums, and the recommendations and policy briefs of Education's Next Horizon and the Partnership for Children & Families.

Superintendent John White Scheduled to Unveil Act 3 Plan

State Superintendent John White will make the first public presentation of the Act 3 Implementation Plan at a meeting of the Louisiana Early Childhood Advocacy Advisory Council. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 30th, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., in the Thomas Jefferson Room of the Claiborne Building**, located at 1201 N. 3rd Street in Baton Rouge. We encourage early learning stakeholders and advocates to attend.