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"Confronting Louisiana's Dropout Dilemma"

Nearly 15% of students who enter Louisiana high schools drop out, and only 72% graduate on time. How can educators help the state reach its goal of an 80% graduation rate by 2014? What programs are successfully combating the problem and how can they be replicated? Louisiana Public Broadcasting brings together teachers and innovators to discuss how to effectively lower the dropout rate in the state on a special town hall edition of Louisiana Public Square. **"Confronting Louisiana's Dropout Dilemma" airs Wednesday, November 28th at 7 p.m. on LPB HD.** To post comments on this topic, we encourage you to **click here** to visit the program website.

Panelists are:

- Ken Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Content, Louisiana Department of Education
- Cecile Guin, Ph.D., LSU School of Social Work, Truancy Assessment and Service Center
- Steve Monaghan, President, Louisiana Federation of Teachers
- John Warner Smith, CEO, Education's Next Horizon

LPB news anchor, Shauna Sanford and Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana president Robert Travis Scott, moderators.

Beginning Thursday, November 29th, "Confronting Louisiana's Dropout Dilemma" will be available online for viewing **click here**.

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