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IMPORTANT COVID-19 A+PEL UPDATE

The 2020-2021 School Year is quickly approaching, and as districts across the state release their return to school plans A+PEL remains dedicated to serving and representing all educators across Louisiana.

This week, the A+PEL Board of Directors and A+PEL staff met with Louisiana Superintendent Cade Brumley to discuss concerns and recommendations for the reopening of schools. Supt. Brumley will take those recommendations to BESE as members prepare for a special meeting called for July 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm. That meeting has been called in response to legislation recently passed that charges BESE to spell out the minimum safety standards schools have to follow for the upcoming school year. The law states that these standards must be "informed" by guidelines spelled out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This meeting will be live streamed and the public will be allowed to participate. A link to view this meeting can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 FAQ for Educators

In response to educators' immediate and growing need for information and clarity during this time, the A+PEL Legal Team has developed a [FAQ Guide for Louisiana Educators](#). This guide is not meant to be legal advice, as each individual's needs and circumstances are unique. These FAQs are in response to the ever changing situation as a result of this world-wide pandemic and will be updated as appropriate.

A webinar to review these FAQ and address further questions with A+PEL's full time on staff general counsel will be held on Monday, July 13 at 8:00 pm. This webinar will be available for A+PEL members only. An email with a link to register for the webinar will be sent to members this evening.

As educators, you demonstrate your strength and resolve every school year through your dedication to providing students with the best education possible under all circumstances. A+PEL is here to support and assist you through this unprecedented time. Please contact us if we can be of service to you.

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A+PEL Scholarships and Grants

A+PEL offers a variety of scholarships and grants to educators throughout the year.

[Check out upcoming application deadlines here!](#)

A+PEL Local Chapters

In addition to statewide legal support, our local chapters provide an opportunity to network and socialize with educators in your region.

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