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TO: Parish/City School Superintendents
Diocesan, Charter, Public and Nonpublic School Principals
Diocesan, Charter, Public and Nonpublic School Counselors

FROM: Karen Burke, Assistant Superintendent
Office of Educator Support

RE: 2010-2011 Louisiana Virtual School Programmatic Changes

The Louisiana Virtual School (LVS), an 8(g)-funded partnership initiative between the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA), provides Louisiana students with access to standards-based high school courses delivered by Louisiana teachers via the Internet. These courses are offered during a summer session, as well as in full-year and block formats. LVS offerings include core curricula, AP[®], dual enrollment, credit recovery, and remediation courses. Students in LVS courses utilize the Web, e-mail, and other online and offline resources to complete a rich course of study. In its tenth year of program implementation, the LVS affords schools the opportunity to expand learning opportunities to students through courses that would not otherwise be available to them.

Beginning with the Fall 2010 semester, the Louisiana Virtual School will be collecting a Materials and Technology cost of \$150 per course enrollment, to be paid for by the student's district, school, or Local Educational Authority (LEA). Prior to any school enrolling students for an LVS course for the 2010-2011 school year, the District/LEA must return the signed agreement enclosed, with the appropriate signatures, to the contact person stated in the agreement.

We encourage you to consider utilizing the resources of the Louisiana Virtual School. If you have any questions about the LVS, please contact Sandy Huval at Sandy.Huval@LA.Gov or (225) 219-0436. If you have specific questions about the Algebra I Online project, please contact Dianne Gauthier at Dianne.Gauthier@LA.Gov or (225) 219-0442. For questions regarding LVS Advanced Studies (AP/Dual Enrollment) opportunities, please contact Rima Duhon at Rima.Duhon@LA.Gov or (225) 219-0440.

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Enclosure

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