

## **BESE Education Initiatives 2009-2010**

**Literacy and Numeracy:** The purpose of the literacy/numeracy initiative is to improve the reading/math skills of Louisiana public school students in grades K-12 through excellent instruction for all students and appropriate intervention for all low performing children. This initiative targets students who are at risk of experiencing difficulty in reading and math.

**Early Childhood Education:** The purpose of this initiative is to provide quality prekindergarten programs for children who are at risk of being insufficiently ready for the regular school programs and quality, age-appropriate developmental education opportunities for students in grades K-3.

**Leadership:** Through this initiative, high quality standards-based professional development opportunities and resources are provided to improve the quality of teachers and school/district leaders so that they can support all students in achieving challenging standards.

**High School Redesign:** The purpose of this initiative is to improve the secondary school system offering clear, multiple pathways for all Louisiana youth to pursue both careers and postsecondary education opportunities. The Board maintains oversight of career and technical education, dual enrollment/articulation, diploma options, virtual learning opportunities, dropout prevention and curriculum enhancements.

**Failing Schools:** Through this initiative, the Board seeks to provide solutions for schools that are at risk of state take-over.