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TO: District Superintendents/Principals

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State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: LEAP Tutoring Hotline

The Department of Education is creating a Tutoring Hotline leading up to the March LEAP exams for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders across the state. Every school will soon receive practice books to be taken home by students. Teachers in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade should also receive the books. I ask that you recommend that students complete several lessons each night at home leading up to the test.

We will have tutors available to help students who need assistance on those questions from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday from February 1st to March 7th. The phone number is 1-877-453-2721.

You can also direct students to the Department of Education website, [www.Louisianaschools.net](http://www.Louisianaschools.net) and go to our LEAP/GEE Help Center for further assistance on the March exams. They'll find programs such as PASS which provides students with practice questions and online tutorials for each exam. Also, Newton's Classroom is a fun site that can be used to help students sharpen their math skills.

We will launch a media campaign to publicize this effort across the state and hope that you will help us make sure that all students have access to these practice materials as soon as they are delivered to your schools.

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c: Ollie S. Tyler, Deputy Superintendent of Education