



What's Going on Around SSD?

Students First: One District, One Team, One Purpose.
Here are the highlights.

PSSC | LEARNING IN ACTION

Students participated in an October 14 mock election to explore civic responsibility. Halloween activities will foster creativity and schoolwide fun.

CLSSC | GROWING TOGETHER

Amanda Iles will attend the Conscious Discipline Conference. Staff continue professional development and prepare for the Annual Fall Festival.

OPERATIONS | CAMPUS SHOUT-OUT

A special shout out to our Operations team for keeping the grounds of our campus beautiful! Thank you for all that you do and have done to maintain and enhance our campus each day. Your commitment does not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate you!

OJJ / DOC | STRONGER INSTRUCTION

On October 2, staff trained on Brolly and Goalbook for documentation, planning, and progress monitoring of students IEP goals.

COLLABORATION IN ACTION

Weekly OJJ sessions unite special and general educators to strengthen ELA, math, and specially designed instruction.

HUMAN RESOURCES | OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment is underway and ends **November 15, 2026**. Please review your benefits and complete selections before the deadline. Questions? Email SSDHR@la.gov.

HONORING EXCELLENCE

Louisiana Teacher of the Year Alicia Butler was honored and represented LSVI and SSD at the October BESE meeting.

STATEWIDE IMPACT

The AEM Center welcomed nearly 200 participants in Lake Charles. LIMC teams continue producing braille and large-print materials statewide.

CAREER READINESS

LSD and LSVI students completed ACT WorkKeys assessments to inform instruction and career preparation. Also congratulations to LSD & LSVI on the completion of fall sports. Shout out to all coaches and players for a job well done.

FROM THE DESK OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Can you believe we have completed the first 9 weeks reporting period? Let's celebrate all of your hard work and dedication to ensuring our students are growing each and every day. Many thanks to our schools, program leaders, their teams and departments alike for celebrating White Cane Safety Day 2026 at LSVI. Special thanks to Ms. Covington, Ms. Butler, Ms. Jaycee and the entire SSD team for your daily commitments each day to Keep Our Students First. You are seen. You are heard. You are appreciated. You are valued.

A warm welcome to all new staff members to the Louisiana Special School District. We are elated to have you on board and look forward to the talents, experiences, and dedication you bring to our SSD family. Together, we will continue building a supportive environment focused on student success and our commitment to keeping students first.



SSD GOES PINK FOR A DAY!

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Louisiana Special School District is going **PINK FOR A DAY** on Wednesday, October 28, 2026! We invite all SSD staff to wear pink in support of breast cancer awareness and to show our district's unity and commitment to this important cause.

Please take pictures, both individually and in groups so they could possibly be featured on the District's website as we support the awareness. Please send all pictures to Executive Assistant DeKara Levy-Brown via email by Friday, October 30, 2026.

Many thanks to the staff who have signed up for ASL classes with their various departments. Major Kudos and thanks to Ms. Alla T for teaching these classes and Shout out to Ms. Kattie S., transportation for extending ASL classes to bus personnel so that they may effectively communicate with our deaf/hard of hearing students.

Again I reiterate, THANK YOU to the entire SSD team for your daily commitments each day to Keep Our Students First. You are seen. You are heard. You are appreciated. You are valued.

Dr. Shirley Lewis

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