

RESET is a targeted, nonpartisan effort led by the **Committee of 100 (C100)**, the **Council for A Better Louisiana (CABL)**, and the **Public Affairs Research Council (PAR)** focused on four state policy issues: education, state finance, criminal justice, and transportation infrastructure.

2021 REGULAR SESSION POLICY PRIORITY:

Improve K-12 Education Outcomes

Build on Louisiana's strong education policies to improve the academic outcomes of Louisiana's public-school students.

01

NEW ACCOUNTABILITY COMPONENT IN GRADES K-2

Support efforts at BESE to create a new accountability component in grades K-2 to improve student achievement and increase teacher effectiveness. Age-appropriate assessments and observations will allow for earlier and more effective interventions to ensure more students are performing at grade-level upon entering third grade.

02

STRENGTHEN FOCUS ON EARLY LITERACY

Advocate for policies at BESE that promote effective teaching methods to boost early literacy and address sagging reading scores in grades K-3. These grades represent the foundational years in teaching children how to read. Evidence shows that students who lack strong reading skills by the end of third grade frequently struggle throughout school.

03

MAINTAIN END-OF-YEAR ASSESSMENTS

Protect end-of-year assessments from efforts to suspend the state's testing program because of the pandemic. It is critical, particularly at this time, to have an accurate picture of student and school performance even if certain "consequences" of the accountability program are temporarily suspended.

04

ENSURE EVERY STUDENT HAS ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN MEANINGFUL POSTSECONDARY CREDITS WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL

More students than ever are earning college credits and credentials while still in high school, but too often they do not lead to a quality degree or job. RESET supports efforts to create a coordinated framework for dual enrollment and other postsecondary opportunities to ensure more students graduate high school with apprenticeships, associate degrees, credits, and credentials that lead to quality jobs tied to workforce needs.