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ST. LANDRY SCHOOL DISTRICT COHORT GRADUATION RATE SHOWS GROWTH

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OPELOUSAS, LA -- The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) released the Cohort Graduation Rate for all the state's high schools. St. Landry Parish School District is pleased to announce that the district saw an increase of 6.9% points from 2015-2016, bringing St. Landry Parish School District up to a 73.5% graduation rate in 2018. Five of the seven St. Landry Parish high schools have shown improvement from the previous year, with the biggest increase being seen at Northwest High School. Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts had the highest graduation rate, with a perfect 100 percent.

This increase in-part is attributed to increased Advanced Placement (AP) offerings through National Mathematics and Science Initiative (NMSI), programs and partnerships implemented by the district aimed at increasing opportunities for our students. Programs implemented in addition to NMSI include, JumpStart After Hours, JumpStart Summer, Career and Technical Education, and Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG). Over the past few years, we have also partnered with Louisiana State University at Eunice (LSUE), and Northwestern to offer our students dual enrollment opportunities.

Moving forward, we have partnered with Southwest Louisiana Community College (SLCC) to establish the St. Landry Parish Collegiate Technical Academy for those students wishing to earn a technical diploma while in high school. In addition, we will partner with Southern University to expand dual enrollment opportunities for St. Landry Parish students.

We realize that reaching these students' individual and collective goals will largely depend on the support of our school leaders, educators and parents. For this reason, we are working very closely with our schools to ensure that students have as many opportunities as possible and that we communicate those effectively to the parents. We know that we must make use of the early warning indicators in order to identify those students who are in jeopardy as early as in their freshman year of high school. For this reason, we have partnered with Johns Hopkins University Talent Ed Division. School leaders and educators are consistently monitoring data aimed at helping us to provide students with the tools necessary to graduate high school.



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St. Landry Parish School District is committed to working diligently to increase our graduation rate at each school each year. We know we will continue to improve our graduation rate with each passing year with the strategies, program and partnerships we've implemented over the past two years.

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