

Established in 2006, **Blueprint Louisiana** is a citizen-driven effort to identify and implement essential changes to fundamentally improve Louisiana. Directed by a 47-member Board of Trustees, our nonpartisan effort is led and supported by community and business leaders from across the state. We have created a powerful brand and reputation for moving Louisiana forward.

Here is a brief summary of our accomplishments:

- **Louisiana's ethics laws are stronger**, and transparency is much greater for elected officials – a dramatic break from the past.
- **We have successfully made a case for investment in early childhood education** and provided a statutory roadmap to accomplish universal Pre-K access. We also support other important educational advancements such as dual enrollment, high school redesign, and Race to the Top innovations.
- **We played a key role in the redesign the State's workforce development efforts.** We have rightly offered strong support to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.
- **We are the leading voice for restructuring the State's antiquated system for uninsured care (charity hospital system)**, and we will push for final approval of the agreement between LSU and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center regarding the future of medical education and indigent and uninsured care in the Baton Rouge region.
- **We are promoting implementation of performance-based funding for higher education;** no longer should campuses be funded on enrollment only. We need completers and graduates.
- **We are helping lead the effort to develop a Louisiana Research Alliance** – creating a better connection between Louisiana's higher education research and our economy.
- **Our focus on coastal restoration and hurricane protection** has helped bring attention and progress to these important functions.

In every platform of our reform agenda, we have had a positive impact. We recognize that the financial condition of our state has changed dramatically since 2006, with abundant budget surpluses replaced by significant budget shortfalls. To be sure, it is a challenging time for our state government, but also perhaps another transformational opportunity for Louisiana.

If not Blueprint Louisiana, who will play this important role of not only recommending important policy options, but having the ability to navigate the legislative process and turn bills into laws. That is what Blueprint does – it gets results.

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