

LCD Board Member Bio: Lauren Wells

Dr. Lauren Wells, Acting Executive Director of Diverse Learners

Dr. Lauren Wells serves as the executive director for the Division of Diverse Learners at the Louisiana Department of Education. In this role, she leads statewide efforts to ensure that all diverse learners receive the supports they need to thrive.

Her work, current and previous, has centered on strengthening instructional strategies and improving outcomes for students with diverse learning needs. She has contributed to national conversations on special education, intervention services, and instruction through her current work at Louisiana Department of Education and previous experiences as an assistant professor, assistive technology specialist, and speech-language pathologist. These roles have allowed her to bridge policy with practice, aligning evidence-based approaches to meet federal expectations for serving all learners.

