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## **Boutté named LOSFA Interim Executive Director**

BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) has named Dr. Sujuan Boutté as Interim Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA).

Boutté assumed her new role on June 1, following the retirement of current Executive Director, Melanie Amrhein.

"I consider being entrusted with this leadership role a great honor," said Boutté. "Melanie has dedicated years of service to the agency and we owe her a great deal of gratitude for her work. Looking forward, I have the privilege of guiding a team of hard working individuals who are truly dedicated to providing college access services to Louisiana students and families. I am also committed to continued collaboration with our network of partner agencies and organizations to provide equity of access to the individuals we proudly serve."

In addition to her role as Interim Executive Director Boutté also currently serves in her current position as LOSFA's Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operations Officer. In this capacity she oversees the agency's Scholarship and Grants, START, GEAR UP, CACG and Information Technology divisions.

Before assuming her current role at LOSFA, Boutté served as a Workforce Planning Executive Consultant at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for two years.

Prior to her stint with LDEQ, Boutté was LOSFA's Chief Research and Planning Officer. During her tenure, she was instrumental in conforming the agency's strategic plan to statutory and regulatory standards. Subsequently she established procedures to ensure that the agency's strategic plan, operating plan and performance standards remained aligned and that the agency's performance indicators were properly and timely reported.

Boutté also served as Assistant Secretary of Workforce Development at the former Louisiana Department of Labor (LDOL) for more than seven years. While with LDOL she provided oversight of the federal job-training program (The Workforce Investment Act), in addition to managing the Employment Services Program (Job Service Offices), the Community Service Block Grant Program (Community Action Agency Offices) and the Incumbent Worker Training Program.

A former educator with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, master's degree in Elementary School Administration and a specialist's and doctorate degree in Education

Technology from Northwestern State University (NSU), Boutté has over 31 years experience in education and high level management positions.

Prior to her LDOL work, Boutté served for more than two years as Director of Public Service for NSU and for one year as coordinator of IBM's Teacher Training in Technology Program – where she forged partnerships with cable, phone and emerging technology companies to aid in teacher training.

Boutte started her career as a teacher. She taught for 13 years, spending the majority of her teaching career at NSU's Lab School, where she formed partnerships with BellSouth, McDonalds, Winn Dixie and other private industries to provide hands-on learning materials and experiences for her students in the classroom.

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