

Members,

There's a change of plans from what we advertised last week. The senate isn't convening until 4 pm. We will still meet at 1:15 on the West side lower entrance below the main entrance stairs. Once you arrive we'll discuss our plans for meeting legislatures. Below are some talking points we've drafted this morning. These aren't mandates to talk about but guides to keep us all on the same message and rememberable. Looking forward to seeing you later this afternoon!

You're encouraged to find your legislator for where you live and where you work if possible. Introduce yourself as an athletic trainer, where you work, where you live etc.

- What is an athletic trainer / What we do
  - Athletic Trainers take care of the health and safety of high school and college student athletes
  - Health care professionals licensed and regulated by the LSBME
    - Athletic trainers work under the direction of a physician as prescribed by state licensure statutes.
  - Athletic training encompasses the prevention, examination, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of emergent, acute or chronic injuries and medical conditions.
  - Athletic training is recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA), Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as an allied health care profession.
  - Within the last 5 years, Louisiana Athletic trainers have been present for 5 individuals that had their life extended because of the actions of the athletic trainer present.
- Secondary School talking points:
  - 379 high schools with athletics
  - 66% have access to AT services, includes full time and part time access.
    - Primarily on the I-10 & I-20 corridors
  - 34% of Louisiana High Schools do not have access to Athletic Training Services
    - Primarily in the Central Louisiana region.
- We currently do not have legislation this session we are supporting or against. We are just hear to spread the message of what athletic trainers are, do, and can provide.