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The Times-Picayune | The New Orleans Advocate

Topics: Sewerage & Water Board, Governance Issues, New Orleans

[Jefferson Parish School Board considers sweeping changes at Wednesday's meeting](#)

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Topics: Schools, Government Finance, Jefferson Parish

[See the New Orleans schools in highest \(and least\) in demand in the OneApp system](#)

The Times-Picayune | The New Orleans Advocate

Topics: Schools, New Orleans

[What are New Orleans-area school leaders doing to prep for possible coronavirus spreading?](#)

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[NOLA Public Schools prepares for potential spread of coronavirus](#)

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Schools, Public Safety, New Orleans

[Former Coghill staff demand district take over school immediately](#)

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Topics: Schools, New Orleans

[New Orleans officials eye splitting City Hall between Municipal Auditorium and old VA Hospital](#)

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Topics: Infrastructure, Planning Issues, Government Finance, New Orleans

[New Orleans oil conference canceled amid virus scare; other March events see little disruption](#)

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[Could the city of New Orleans be blamed in part for the Hard Rock collapse?](#)

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STATE NEWS

[Lawmakers to consider homestead exemption, tax breaks, transportation spending](#)

The Center Square via CityBusiness

Topics: Taxes, Housing, Economic Development, Infrastructure

[Louisiana lawmakers grill John Bel Edwards' \\$1M pay raise plan: 'It's hard to justify'](#)

The Associated Press via The Advocate

Topics: Government Finance

[Louisiana legislator questions accuracy of cost projections](#)

The Center Square via CityBusiness

Topics: Government Finance

[Testing for coronavirus slow to ramp up in Louisiana, here's why](#)

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Topics: Schools, Public Safety

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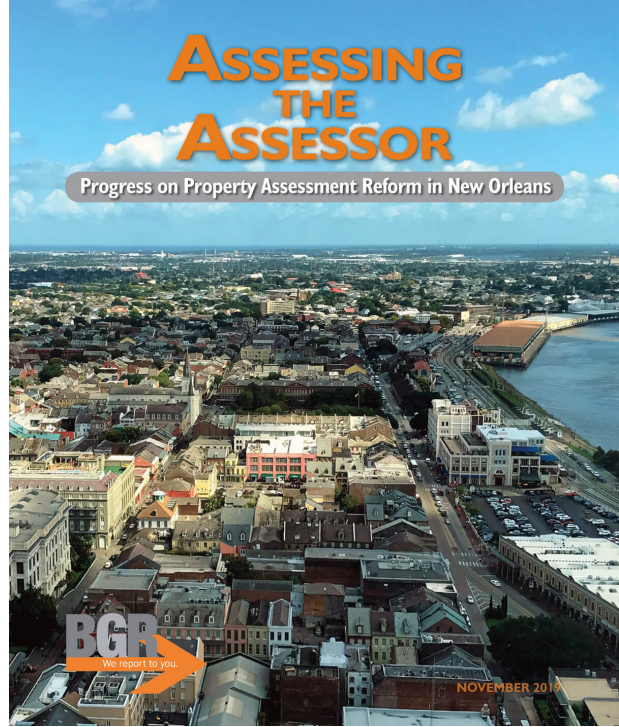
Our Latest Report

[Assessing the Assessor: Progress on Property Assessment Reform in New Orleans](#)

evaluates whether and to what extent New Orleans' property assessment system has improved under the single parish assessor

since he replaced the seven-assessor system in 2011. This report follows up on BGR's [2009 report](#) which made recommendations, based on nationally recognized best practices, to help the single assessor create a high-functioning parishwide assessment office.

In *Assessing the Assessor*, BGR's core finding is that the single assessor has put in place some of the necessary building blocks for a high-functioning assessment office, but key areas of property valuation practices and exemption administration require continued improvement.



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