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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
District Information Technology Leaders

FROM: David M. Mathis, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness.

DATE: November 11, 2020

RE: Learning Object Repository

With the procurement of a Learning Object Repository (LOR) platform, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is embarking on a journey to provide more resources for lesson planning and student learning, exemplary teaching strategies and professional opportunities all across our state. We emphasize the word journey as there will be several phases for development and an ongoing organic tool, continually updated with new resources. The SCDE is partnering with Safari Montage to provide the LOR to all districts in South Carolina. As we begin the complex process of establishing a significantly large statewide LOR and a smaller LOR for each district, Safari Montage and the SCDE need information from each district related to current tools in the district's digital ecosystem.

Attached are three documents: (1) Considerations for Implementation – an overview document with explanations and directions; (2) a pdf file of the Needs Assessment you will complete online which gives you the full list of questions in advance; and (3) a list of Safari Montage Overview Professional Development Sessions. Session options begin Friday, November 13th and continue through Friday, November 20th. District level leaders may find it helpful to participate in a session before completing the Needs Assessment. Later, there will be an extensive list of opportunities for building leader and teacher professional development on the Safari Montage tool as well as building quality lessons in a digital environment.

Thank you for your attention to this step in the process. Again, this information helps us create the structure to have single sign-on to your district in your existing method as well as bring your current instructional resources.

Should you have questions related to the LOR, please contact Dr. Lee D'Andrea at ldandrea@ed.sc.gov.