



## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Pressley  
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

**DATE:** April 30, 2019

**RE:** 3–6 Inquiry within the Elementary Classrooms Summer/Yearlong 2019–2020

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning summer institute/yearlong series designed to support 3–6 elementary educators in personalizing learning through inquiry based approaches. It is highly recommended that districts or schools bring a team of participants that may include all content area teachers, gifted and talented teachers, special area teachers, instructional coaches, administrators, and district leaders.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding through the following:

- building a classroom culture and environment for student-directed inquiry;
- analyzing student work to guide learning pathways;
- creating flexible environments where students have voice and choice over their learning;
- applying real-world relevancy through community-based problem solving.

Throughout the three-day summer institute and the yearlong series, participants will refine their practice through ongoing virtual and face-to-face sessions designed to support their application of new learning in the classroom and its impact on student learning.

Participants must attend all three days of the face-to-face summer institute, attend one statewide virtual meeting, and complete all additional virtual work after the summer institute. Participants will then select one regional location to engage in the yearlong series that consists of four face-

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to-face days with virtual work and two culminating days in the beginning of summer 2020. Certificates for completion of 64 hours for the summer institute with combined yearlong series will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning summer institute series.

**Dates and Locations:**

*Links to live virtual meetings will be emailed to registered participants.*

<b>Location: Face-to-Face Summer Institute</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
<b>Charleston, SC</b>	Wednesday through Friday July 24–26, 2019	R.B. Stall High School 3625 Ashley Phosphate Road North Charleston, SC 29418 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

<b>Statewide Virtual Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	Tuesday, May 7, 2020	3:00–4:00 p.m.

<b>Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
<b>Regional locations will be based on participant registration</b>	Wednesday, September 11	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, October 23	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, January 15	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, March 11	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

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<b>Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
<b>Regional locations will be based on participant registration</b>	Wednesday, September 18	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, October 30	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, January 22	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, March 18	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

<b>Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
<b>Regional locations will be based on participant registration</b>	Wednesday, September 25	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, November 13	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, January 29	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, March 25	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

<b>Location: Final Face- to-Face Culminating Days for all participants</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
<b>Charleston, SC</b>	Wednesday and Thursday June 17–18, 2020	R.B. Stall High School 3625 Ashley Phosphate Road North Charleston, SC 29418 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Travel Reimbursement

Districts will be reimbursed for hotel and mileage at the state per diem for any participant that meets state travel guidelines for the summer institute and culminating days.

## **General Information**

Participants should plan to arrive and sign in each day between 8:30–8:45 a.m. The summer institute face-to-face sessions on Wednesday through Friday will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Participants should bring copies of your grade levels' *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards*, existing school or district pacing guides, devices, a notebook, and writing utensil. Lunch will be provided for the summer institute and the culminating days.

The yearlong series face-to-face sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Participants should plan to arrive and sign in between 8:30–8:45 a.m. each day. Lunch will not be provided for the yearlong series, but time will be allotted for participants to leave the site for an hour lunch break.

## **Registration**

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close Thursday, July 11.

## **Contact Information**

For more information, please contact Lindsey Lyles, Education Associate for Personalized Learning via [llyles@ed.sc.gov](mailto:llyles@ed.sc.gov) or Josie Stratton, Education Associate for GT/AP/IB via [jstratton@ed.sc.gov](mailto:jstratton@ed.sc.gov).