Memorandum

**TO:** District Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Pressley

Director, Office of Standards and Learning

**DATE:** September 5, 2019

**RE:** Gifted and Talented Professional Learning Opportunity: Yearlong 2019–20

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity designed to focus on Pedagogies and Strategies that Enhance Learning in Gifted and Talented Classrooms.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the *Gifted and Talented Best Practices Guidelines* as well as an understanding of how the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards* support gifted education through the following:

* embedding social and emotional skills into core curriculum;
* incorporating equitable access through meaningful learning tasks to accomplish curricular goals; and
* increasing students’ autonomy through their choice in learning goals and checking their own progress.

Throughout this series, participants will refine their practice through ongoing virtual and face-to-face sessions designed to support their application of new knowledge in the classroom and their evaluation of its impact on student learning.

Participants must participate in all face-to-face and virtual meetings. Certificates of completion for 30 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

**Dates and Locations:**

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

| **Statewide**  **Virtual Meetings** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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|  | Thursday, December 9 | 3:30–4:30 p.m. |
|  | Thursday, April 30 | 3:30–4:30 p.m. |

| **Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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|  | Friday, October 11 | Anderson 1 & 2 Career & Technology Center  702 Belton Hwy.  Williamston, SC 29697    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
| Anderson | Thursday, December 5 | Anderson 1 & 2 Career & Technology Center  702 Belton Hwy.  Williamston, SC 29697    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
|  | Thursday, February 13 | Anderson 1 & 2 Career & Technology Center  702 Belton Hwy.  Williamston, SC 29697    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
|  | Thursday, April 2 | Anderson 1 & 2 Career & Technology Center  702 Belton Hwy.  Williamston, SC 29697    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |

| **Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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|  | Monday, October 7 | Poyner Adult Education  301 S. Dargan St.  Florence, SC 29605    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m |
| Florence | Monday, November 25 | Poyner Adult Education  301 S. Dargan St.  Florence, SC 29605    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m |
|  | Monday, January 13 | Poyner Adult Education  301 S. Dargan St.  Florence, SC 29605    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m |
|  | Monday, February 24 | Poyner Adult Education  301 S. Dargan St.  Florence, SC 29605    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m |

| **Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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|  | Friday, October 25 | Winthrop University  Withers Building  611 Myrtle Drive  Rock Hill, SC 29733    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
| Rock Hill | Friday, January 10 | Winthrop University  Withers Building  611 Myrtle Drive  Rock Hill, SC 29733    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
|  | Friday, February 7 | Winthrop University  Withers Building  611 Myrtle Drive  Rock Hill, SC 29733    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
|  | Friday, March 27 | Winthrop University  Withers Building  611 Myrtle Drive  Rock Hill, SC 29733    9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |

| **Location 4: Face-to-Face Meetings** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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|  | Tuesday, October 29 | Beaufort District Office  2900 Mink Point Blvd.  Beaufort, SC 29902  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
| Beaufort | Tuesday, February 11 | Beaufort District Office  2900 Mink Point Blvd.  Beaufort, SC 29902  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
|  | Tuesday, March 31 | Beaufort District Office  2900 Mink Point Blvd.  Beaufort, SC 29902  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
|  | Tuesday, April 14 | Beaufort District Office  2900 Mink Point Blvd.  Beaufort, SC 29902  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |

**General Information**

All face-to-face sessions will beginat 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring paper/notebook and aprinted or digital copyof the *College- and Career-Ready Standards*. Participants will have a one-hour lunch break.

**Registration**

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](https://forms.gle/eAvy4Zqd5A2KromBA). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by September 24, 2019.

**Contact Information**

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