Memorandum

**TO:** District Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Pressley

Director, Office of Standards and Learning

**DATE:** September 5, 2019

**RE:** K-5 Integrated Learning for All Content Professional Learning Opportunity

Yearlong 2019-2020

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning yearlong series to support K-5 elementary educators in designing and implementing an integrated (transdisciplinary) learning approach with students that emphasizes critical literacy skills. This series is for school teams of five to seven that include an administrator, an instructional coach, and up to five grade level/special area teachers.

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

* building a culture and environment that supports student centered learning;
* engaging in multiple content learning experiences enhanced by the development of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and the ability to think critically;
* applying real-world relevancy through community-based problem solving;
* designing learning where student’s needs and interests guide decisions for next steps in the process; and
* analyzing student work to create learning pathways to ensure students have voice and choice over their learning.

Throughout the series, participants will refine their practice through 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 participate in all 8 face to face days, and virtual session. Certificates of completion for 57 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

| **Statewide Virtual**  **Meeting** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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| **Virtual** | Tuesday, December 10 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |

| **Face-to-Face Meetings** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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| **Regional Location will be based on Participants Registration** | Tuesday, October 22 | TBD  9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, November 12 | TBD  9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 16 | TBD  9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 20 | TBD  9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |
| Friday-Saturday,  March 20-21 | TBD  9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |

| **Statewide Culminating**  **Meeting** | **Date** | **Location and Time** |
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|  | Wednesday-Thursday, June 24-25 | 9:00-4:00 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 March 21, June 24, and June 25.

**General Information**

All face-to-face sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring copies of your grade level *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards*, devices, a notebook, and writing utensil. Lunch will be provided on March 21, June 24, and June 25. For all other dates within the yearlong series, time will be allotted for participants to leave the site for lunch.

**Registration**

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link.](https://forms.gle/BdoeM3pgxbscVnzk7) Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by Monday, September 9.

**Contact Information**

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