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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Read to Succeed Liaisons

FROM: Quincie L. Moore, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Early Learning and Literacy

DATE: January 5, 2021

RE: 2020–21 Leaders Making Readers Literacy Symposium

The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) invites you to attend *Leaders Making Readers Literacy Symposium* on Thursday, February 11, 2020. This conference is intended for district leaders who work with Summer Reading Camps (SRC), literacy instruction and interventions, and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). This event will be held **virtually**.

Conference Information

We have incorporated your feedback from last year's conference and are excited to offer a variety of presentations on both SRC and school-year instruction and planning, including a focus on implementing MTSS. Additionally, we will be offering sessions that are tiered based on your district's prior experience and current needs, including a SRC Introductory session for new summer coordinators and intermediate/expert sessions for district leaders ready to further improve their summer learning and literacy systems. We have also worked with the Grants office to extend the Community Partnership Grant (CPG) deadline, allowing attendees the chance to hear about CPG best practices and application information before the final submission date.

Due to the virtual nature of this event, districts may register up to 10 participants. Recorded sessions will also be available online after captioning is completed post-conference. If your district needs more than 10 participants, please email the SCDE contacts at the bottom of this memo for more information. You are encouraged to include any of the following people on your team: School District Leaders and Teachers, Camp Coordinators, Community Partners, MTSS Coordinators, Afterschool Enrichment Staff, and School and Public Librarians.

The deadline for registration is February 5, 2021. Please use this link to register for the symposium: <https://forms.gle/8kU5B3UVGrdB7dfw7>.

Virtual Poster Session

Last year, districts were given the opportunity to showcase the great things happening in SRC by preparing display boards. This year, the SCDE has created a virtual “display room” where districts can share resources with one another. These virtual displays and resource banks will be a living resource for SRC coordinators new to hosting camps or for veteran SRC coordinators looking to improve instruction or SRC processes. For directions on how to create a virtual poster, please visit this link: [Virtual Poster Information](#).

If you have questions regarding registration or conference sessions, please contact Jakki Wiseman at jwiseman@ed.sc.gov, Taylor Seale at tseale@ed.sc.gov, or Marie Gibbons at mgibbons@ed.sc.gov.