



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Personnel Administrators
Principals

FROM: Lilla Toal Mandsager
Director, Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development

DATE: October 10, 2023

RE: ConceptX Principal Support Network Series Begins November 6

Leadership matters. According to a 2021 Wallace Foundation study, “students learn substantially more in both math and reading in schools with more effective principals.” Principals are also at the heart of setting up systems that support student safety and engagement and teacher growth and retention. Even though principal quality has a direct impact on student and teacher experience, often, principals are left alone to tackle the thorny day-to-day decision-making needed to run a great school. The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development (OEELD) is committed to creating spaces for early career principals to collaborate with those that understand the challenge of their role best, other principals.

The ConceptX Principal Support Network will kick off with a series of quarterly webinars that will feature fresh ideas from current principals, research-based best practices, and time to collaborate with other principals. Although ConceptX is designed to support principals in their first five years, all principals are welcome. We call the network ConceptX because the network will focus on hot topics and concepts in educational leadership; the X represents the connection and multiplication of expertise that comes when leaders have time to collaborate and share their own unique experiences.

Register [here](#) and feel free to share [this promotional trailer](#) with others in your district. Sessions will take place on the following dates from 1-2pm: November 6, Faculty Collaboration and Culture, December 13, Intentional Instructional Leadership, February 21, Environment and Student Behavior, April 17, Strategic Scheduling. Topics may be adjusted based on feedback from participants. Contact Lilla Toal Mandsager, lmandsager@ed.sc.gov with questions.