

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Early Childhood Coordinators
Principals

FROM: Alisha Green, EdD
Director, Office of Instructional Supports

DATE: July 29, 2025

RE: Foundational Literacy Training for CERDEP Educators

Per Proviso 1A.74 of the South Carolina General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025–26, all 4K CERDEP classroom teachers are required to complete training in foundational literacy skills. To fulfill this mandate, the South Carolina Department of Education has selected LETRS for Early Childhood Educators (LETRS EC) as the approved training program.

Training Requirements and Participation:

- Mandatory: All CERDEP 4K classroom teachers
- Optional: CERDEP classroom aides

Educators who successfully complete LETRS EC will:

- Receive a \$500 honorarium
- Earn 60 renewal credits for the Read to Succeed (R2S) Instructional Practices course

To support this initiative, Early Learning Specialists from SCDE will provide regional Professional Learning Opportunities (PLOs) to guide implementation and ensure successful participation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tammy Graham, Team Lead for Early Learning: tgraham@ed.sc.gov