



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District HR Directors
District Instructional Leaders
District Information Technology (IT) Leaders
Public Information Officers
Web Access Coordinators (WAC)

FROM: Valarie Byrd
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DATE: January 17, 2024

RE: K-12 School District Training Opportunities (DATO)

The SC Department of Education Offices of Educational Technology and Accessibility (OETA) and Special Education Services (OSES) are collaborating on FREE, LIVE virtual training opportunities for school districts during the 2023-24 school year. These ***Digital Accessibility Training Opportunities (DATO)*** provide practical information for educators and district administrators as they create and use accessible educational materials.

1. **Session 1: Point of Action for Cognitive Barriers** (Thursday, 1/1/24, 3:00-4:00 p.m. (EST))
[Click to register](#) or select the following link: <https://rb.gy/k6syou>
2. **Session 2: Points of Action for Visual Barriers** (Thursday, 2/8/24, 3:00-4:00PM (EST))
[Click to register](#) or select the following link: <https://shorturl.at/ikDL9>
3. **Session 3: Points of Action for Hearing Barriers** (Thursday, 4/18/24, 3:00-4:00 PM (EST))
[Click to register](#) or select the following link: <https://shorturl.at/twSV1>
4. **Points of Action for Physical Barriers** (Thursday, 5/16/24, 3:00-4:00 PM (EST))
[Click to register](#) or select the following link: <https://shorturl.at/buFTX>

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The Office of Educational Technology and Accessibility's District Accessibility Coordinator is available to provide in-person or virtual training opportunities to schools and districts. To schedule a digital accessibility training opportunity for your team or school, contact **Courtney Leach** by email at cleach@ed.sc.gov.

The Office of Special Education Services' Assistive Technology and Accessibility Coordinator, **Madalina Tudora** (mtudora@ed.sc.gov), is available to provide in-person or virtual training opportunities to schools and districts. To schedule an assistive technology training opportunity or request technical assistance for assistive technology, please complete the [Assistive Technology Request for Assistance Form](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Courtney Leach via cleach@ed.sc.gov .