

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Assistant Superintendents
Instructional Leaders
District HR Directors
Principals

FROM: Kimberly Mack
Director, Office of Leadership Effectiveness

DATE: July 22, 2025

RE: Leadership Development Professional Learning Opportunities Fall 2025

The Office of Leadership Effectiveness is pleased to announce leadership development professional learning opportunities beginning this August.

- School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI) is open to principals with three or more years of experience and focuses on the instructional and interpersonal leadership needed to lead exceptional schools.
- Institute for District Administrators (IDA) is designed to support entry-level district leaders with the knowledge, skills, and characteristics needed to serve on and lead highly effective district teams.

Our leadership programs are designed to develop highly effective educators who support all students in achieving the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Participants will focus on leading schools and districts to raise student achievement and ensure exceptional education for every learner. Districts or schools are responsible for any applicable program fees, travel, lodging, and meals. Each cohort has limited space, and previous groups have filled quickly.

Interested participants should register at the appropriate link below. Please disseminate as needed and encourage appropriate personnel to apply. Contact Dr. Gerard Edwards, gedwards@ed.sc.gov for more information.

School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI)

The South Carolina School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI) is a unique partnership with the Truist Leadership Institute designed to equip veteran principals from districts across the state with the insight, knowledge, and competencies necessary to lead successful schools. SLEI is a seven-month professional development opportunity. SLEI consists of four professional development days at Truist Leadership Institute in Greensboro, NC, classroom sessions at the SCDE, and online leadership sessions. More information available at the [SLEI website](#). Registrations are due August 1, 2025.

SLEI 55A: Click [here to register](#).

Program Dates

- August 7, 2025 (Online Orientation)
- August 14, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- **September 8 - 11, 2025 - Greensboro at Truist Leadership Institute Group A**
- November 13 - 14, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- December 11, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- January 23, 2026 - Columbia, SC
- February 24 - 25, 2026 - Columbia, SC

SLEI 55B: Click [here to register](#).

Program Dates

- August 7, 2025 (Online Orientation)
- August 14, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- **September 22 - 25, 2025 - Greensboro at Truist Leadership Institute Group B**
- November 13 - 14, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- December 11, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- January 23, 2026 - Columbia, SC
- February 24 - 25, 2026 - Columbia, SC

Institute for District Administrators (IDA)

The Institute for District Administrators is designed to support entry-level district leaders with the knowledge, skills, and characteristics needed to serve on and lead highly effective district teams. IDA consists of four two-day sessions with eight total sessions over seven months. The cohort will include strategies like small and large group discussion, teamwork, Socratic seminars, simulations, scenarios, self-reflection, 360° feedback, problem-solving, inquiry cycles, case studies, study teams, and networking. More information available at the [IDA website](#). Registrations are due September 1, 2025.

IDA 29: Click [here to register](#).

Program Dates

- September 18 - 19, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- November 6 - 7, 2025 - Columbia, SC
- January 30 - 31, 2026 - Columbia, SC
- March 26 - 27, 2026 - Columbia, SC