



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Lilla Toal Mandsager  
Executive Director, Division of College, Career, & Military Readiness

**DATE:** November 5, 2024

**RE:** Leadership Development Professional Learning Opportunities Winter 2025

The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development is pleased to announce leadership development professional learning opportunities beginning this January.

- Foundations in School Leadership (FSL) is open to teacher leaders and coaches looking to develop their leadership skills.
- 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 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 all focused on growing highly-effective educators who are prepared to support all students to reach the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. Specifically, participants will grow in their understanding and skill with supporting colleagues in personalization, collective leadership, and ensuring access to effective instruction for all students. Districts and/or school participants will be responsible for any applicable program fees, travel expenses, lodging, and meals. Each cohort is limited based on space; previous cohorts have filled quickly.

Interested participants should register at the appropriate link below. Please disseminate as needed and encourage appropriate personnel to apply. Contact Keasha Grant, [ksgrant@ed.sc.gov](mailto:ksgrant@ed.sc.gov), or Dr.

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### **Foundations in School Leadership (FSL)**

Foundations in School Leadership is designed to support teachers to grow leadership skills and to explore foundational competencies that could assist in the transition to administrative positions. <https://tinyurl.com/infofslcoeeld>

<b>FSL Cohort 46</b> <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/kJirHTd6j7qBH1DHA">https://forms.gle/kJirHTd6j7qBH1DHA</a>	<b>FSL Cohort 47</b> <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/zXWuLY8cCp5c7ma16">https://forms.gle/zXWuLY8cCp5c7ma16</a>
February 6–7, 2025	February 18–19, 2025
June 12–13, 2025 (Both cohorts combined)	June 12–13, 2025 (Both cohorts combined)
September 29–30, 2025	October 28–29, 2025
January 14–15, 2026	January 24–25, 2026

### **School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI)**

The **South Carolina School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI)** has 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 innovative and 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. <https://tinyurl.com/infofleioeeld>

<b>SLEI Cohort 54A</b> <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/slei54acohort">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/slei54acohort</a>	<b>SLEI Cohort 54B</b> <b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/slei54b">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/slei54b</a>
January 2025 (Online Orientation)	January 2025 (Online Orientation)
February 10, 2025 Columbia, SC	February 10, 2025 Columbia, SC
<b>February 24–27, 2025</b> <b>Greensboro at Truist Group A</b>	<b>March 3–6, 2025</b> <b>Greensboro at Truist Group B</b>
April 3–4, 2025 Columbia, SC	April 3–4, 2025 Columbia, SC
May 8, 2025 Columbia, SC	May 8, 2025 Columbia, SC
June 9, 2025 Columbia, SC	June 9, 2025 Columbia, SC
August 19–20, 2025 Columbia, SC	August 19–20, 2025 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. <https://tinyurl.com/infoidaoeeld>

<b>IDA Cohort 28</b>
<b>Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://scde.formstack.com/forms/ida28">https://scde.formstack.com/forms/ida28</a>
February 24–25, 2025 Columbia, SC
April 28–29, 2025 Columbia, SC
June 2–3, 2025 Columbia, SC
August 25–26, 2025 Columbia, SC