SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District instructional Leaders
Read to Succeed Liaisons
Principals

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

DATE: July 28, 2026

RE: Reading Coach Regional Support

This memorandum outlines continued efforts to expand the success of the Palmetto Literacy Project (PLP) through statewide support. During the 2026–27 school year, the Office of Instructional Supports (OIS) Literacy Specialist Team will provide targeted regional support and professional learning for all Read to Succeed Reading Coaches across South Carolina, reinforcing our commitment to improving reading outcomes for every student.

SCDE Literacy Specialists will support districts, schools, and coaches through a regional model. Support includes quarterly professional learning (see dates on page 2), on-site visits, tailored assistance based on local needs, coaching cycle guidance, and help with implementing LETRS, new curricula, and updated ELA standards. Specialists will continue partnering with District Instructional Leaders to align support with district literacy priorities.

Reading Coach Support

The quarterly professional support sessions will be virtual and held from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. All Read to Succeed Reading Coaches are asked to register for the 2026-27 quarterly support sessions in their region **here**. Zoom links will be shared with all registered participants prior to the session date(s).

Upstate	Midlands
• September 29, 2026 • November 17, 2026 • January 26, 2027 • April 13, 2027	• September 24, 2026 • November 19, 2026 • January 28, 2027 • March 25, 2027
Pee Dee	**Lowcountry**
• September 28, 2026 • November 30, 2026 • January 25, 2027 • April 5, 2027	• September 28, 2026 • November 30, 2026 • January 25, 2027 • April 5, 2027

District Literacy Leader Support

To support alignment and collaboration across literacy initiatives, virtual overview sessions will be offered for district literacy leaders. These sessions will provide insight into the content and focus areas of the quarterly Regional Reading Coach Support sessions, which are required for Read to Succeed Reading Coaches. Participation in the overview sessions will help foster a shared understanding of statewide instructional priorities and strategies.

These sessions will be held from 9:30–11:00 a.m. Additional details are provided below. District leaders may register using the link provided **here.** Zoom links will be shared with all registered participants prior to the session date(s).

Literacy Leader Session Dates
• September 10, 2026 • November 12, 2026 • January 14, 2027 • March 11, 2027

Should you have any questions, please contact Marie Gibbons at **mgibbons@ed.sc.gov**