



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

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Instructional Leaders  
District Read to Succeed Liaisons

**FROM:** Dr. Alisha Green  
Director, Office of Early Learning and Literacy

**DATE:** August 20, 2024

**RE:** Regional Support for Read to Succeed Reading Coaches

The Read to Succeed Team in the Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) is dedicated to providing support and professional learning opportunities to aid our elementary schools in better serving all students.

This memorandum contains important information regarding plans to emulate the success of the Palmetto Literacy Project (PLP) by expanding support statewide. During the 2024-25 school year, the OELL Literacy Specialist Team will provide focused regional support and professional learning opportunities for all Read to Succeed Reading Coaches state-wide to increase the reading proficiency of all students.

The Literacy Specialist Team consists of 22 Literacy Specialists. The Literacy Specialists will provide support to districts, schools and reading coaches across the state through a regional model. Support will include, but not be limited to quarterly professional learning opportunities, school site visits, personalized support through office hours, support tailored to specific requests, support with coaching cycles, the implementation of LETRS, new curriculums, and the new ELA standards.

Literacy Specialists will reach out to District Instructional Leaders to learn more about the literacy goals of the schools and districts they support. Please use this [Regional Dashboard Link](#) to preview the professional learning opportunities provided by the SCDE Literacy Specialist Team.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marie Gibbons at [mgibbons@ed.sc.gov](mailto:mgibbons@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-0529.

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