



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Elementary School Principals

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

DATE: August 6, 2024

RE: Science of Reading Professional Learning Opportunity for CERDEP Teachers

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. Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP) legislation requires all personnel providing instruction and classroom support to participate annually in professional learning focused on emergent literacy.

The South Carolina Department of Education is pleased to offer 4K CERDEP classroom teachers professional learning in the science of reading. This professional learning is entitled Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling for Early Childhood Educators (LETRS EC). Participation in this professional learning opportunity is a one-year commitment with a start date of October 2024 and end date of May 2025. Educators who successfully complete LETRS EC will receive a \$500 honorarium, earn 60 renewal credits, and meet the requirements for the R2S Instructional Practices course.

Please use this [LINK](#) to identify your LETRS EC district designee by August 16, 2024. **It is recommended that districts use their existing LETRS designee as their LETRS EC designee.** This information will be shared with Lexia Learning to coordinate training dates.

For additional support, beginning in January 2025, Early Learning specialists from the SCDE will provide CERDEP teachers with LETRS EC regional assistance.

Should you have any questions, please contact Wendy Burgess at wburgess@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-5858.

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