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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Early Childhood Coordinators

FROM: Jennifer Anderson
Director, Office of Early Learning and Literacy

DATE: June 14, 2017

RE: 4K Professional Learning Opportunity

The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) supports South Carolina's districts and schools in providing early learning professional development opportunities. This memo offers information regarding a free early learning professional development opportunity. During summer 2017, the OELL will offer a free, professional learning series for preschool teachers that will consist of face-to-face experiences. In addition, this professional learning opportunity will provide schools with virtual and onsite support by the OELL's regional literacy specialists during the 2017–18 school year.

This professional learning series is designed to:

- ensure that educators are equipped with the tools to provide students with high quality, personalized learning that supports the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*;
- provide guidance on using data for knowing and understanding the preschool students served; and
- support 4K teachers in data analysis and providing instruction based on students' individual needs related to 4K and Early Language and Literacy Development.

Participants will engage in an intense three-day experience based on research and best practices of Early Language and Literacy Development. Learning opportunities will focus on classroom environment, emergent readers, emergent writers, speaking development, inquiry, and developmentally appropriate centers that provide choice and opportunities for authentic reading and writing. Participants will have an opportunity to explore the types of assessments that

will/can be used in preschool, as well as, how to analyze data and plan for instruction. Participants will also explore possible units of study for the 2017–18 school year.

Dates and Locations	
July 10–12	SCC Tyger River Campus 1875 East Main Street Duncan, SC 29334
August 1–3	Leaphart Elementary School 120 Piney Grove Columbia, SC 29210
August 7–9	Georgetown District Office 2018 Church Street Georgetown, SC 29440
July 18–20	Pee Dee Educational Center 520 Francis Marion Road Florence, SC 29506

Times and Lunch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times: The Professional Learning Opportunity will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. each day. • Lunch: Participants will be given an hour and fifteen minutes each day for lunch on their own.
Registration
Registration: Registration must be submitted online by June 21, 2017, via the following link: https://scde.formstack.com/forms/4k_summer_2017_professional_learning_series

For more information about this professional learning opportunity, please contact Wendy Burgess at wburgess@ed.sc.gov.