



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders

FROM: Dr. Anne Pressley
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

DATE: August 4, 2017

RE: ELA Professional Learning Opportunity: Fall 2017

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity that consists of four face-to-face meetings as well as virtual work and two live virtual meetings. This professional learning opportunity is created to support kindergarten through grade 5 English Language Arts (ELA) educators as they implement the *2015 SC College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts*. Kindergarten through grade 5, English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Special Education Teachers along with administrators, instructional coaches and district level educators are invited to participate.

Participants must attend all face-to-face meetings and live virtual meetings. Participants must also complete all virtual work throughout the professional learning opportunity. Certificates of completion for 40 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

During this professional learning opportunity, participants will

- deepen their language and literacy expertise
- focus on the language and literacy instructional frameworks with an emphasis on providing best practice during reading and writing instruction; and
- articulate the literacy standards within and across grade levels.

Dates and Locations:

Links to live virtual meetings will be sent out directly to registered participants.

Virtual Session 1	Date	Location and Time
	August 29, 2017	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Face-to-Face Sessions	Date	Location and Time
	September 18, 2017 November 16, 2017 January 18, 2018 March 5, 2018	<u>Columbia</u> Center for Educator Quality 621 Bluff Road Columbia, SC 29201

Optional Virtual Office Hours	Date	Location and Time
	October , 2017	3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
	December 11, 2017	3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
	February 13, 2018	3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Virtual Session 2	Date	Location and Time
	March 12, 2017	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

General Information

All face-to-face sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Participants should plan to arrive and register between 8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m. All participants must bring paper/notebook, a printed or digital copy of the *College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts* (grade level - not the entire document) and student writing and samples to each face-to-face meeting. Participants will have a one hour lunch break.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by **August 18, 2017**.

Contact Information

For more information concerning this series of professional learning, please contact Cindy Oxford, Education Association for Elementary ELA, via email address coxford@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-8101.