



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

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Instructional Leaders

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

**DATE:** August 4, 2017

**RE:** Part One K–12 Science Professional Learning Opportunity: Fall 2017

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a **free, hybrid professional learning opportunity** that consists of three (3) face-to-face meetings as well as virtual work and one (1) live virtual meeting. This professional learning opportunity is offered to support K–12 science educators facilitate best practice grounded in research on three-dimensional (3-D) science learning. K–12 science educators will meet both together and as grade band groups during this professional learning opportunity. Science teachers, instructional coaches, administrators, and district science educators, as well as ESOL, CATE, and exceptional children 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 **32 contact hours** will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

For individuals that complete this Part One professional learning opportunity, an opportunity to register and attend Part Two in the spring of 2018 will be available. In addition, individuals who attended either the fall or spring professional learning opportunity offered in the 2016–2017 academic year should consider registering for Part Two in the spring of 2018.

During this professional learning opportunity, participants will

- navigate and implement the science standards and support documents;
- apply principles of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate into science practices;
- understand the implications of 3-Dimensional Learning: Content, Science and Engineering Practices, and Crosscutting Concepts; and
- apply knowledge of current science best practices.

**Dates and Locations**

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

<b>Statewide Virtual Meeting (for all locations)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	August 31, 2017	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
<b>Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings Saluda Watershed (Columbia)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	September 6, 2017	Center for Education Quality 621 Bluff Road Columbia, South Carolina 29201 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	October 4, 2017	Center for Education Quality 621 Bluff Road Columbia, South Carolina 29201 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	November 1, 2017	Center for Education Quality 621 Bluff Road Columbia, South Carolina 29201 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

<b>Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings Pee Dee Watershed (Florence)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	September 13, 2017	Poyner Adult Ed Center 301 South Dargan Street Florence, South Carolina 29506 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	October 11, 2017	Poyner Adult Ed Center 301 South Dargan Street Florence, South Carolina 29506 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	November 8, 2017	Poyner Adult Ed Center 301 South Dargan Street Florence, South Carolina 29506 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

<b>Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings Salkehatchie Watershed (Colleton)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	September 20, 2017	Colleton County Annex Learning Center 609 Colleton Loop Walterboro, South Carolina 29488 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	October 18, 2017	Colleton County Annex Learning Center 609 Colleton Loop Walterboro, South Carolina 29488 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	November 15, 2017	Colleton County Annex Learning Center 609 Colleton Loop Walterboro, South Carolina 29488 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

<b>Location 4: Face-to-Face Meetings Savannah Watershed (Greenwood)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	September 28, 2017	Greenwood Genetic Center 106 Gregor Mendel Circle Greenwood, South Carolina 29646 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	October 26, 2017	Greenwood Genetic Center 106 Gregor Mendel Circle Greenwood, South Carolina 29646 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	December 1, 2017	Greenwood Genetic Center 106 Gregor Mendel Circle Greenwood, South Carolina 29646 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

### 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 sign in between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. The virtual session will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude by 5:00 p.m. In addition, participants will be asked to share their application of learning on Edmodo in between each face to face session. All participants must bring a device that will connect to the Internet, paper, and a writing utensil to each face-to-face meeting. Participants can bring their lunch or they will have a 30-minute lunch break to eat.

### Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by **August 25, 2017**.

### Contact Information

For more information about this series of professional learning, please contact Jeff Burden, Elementary Science Education Associate, at [jburden@ed.sc.gov](mailto:jburden@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8483. You may also contact Gwendolynn Shealy, Secondary Science Education Associate, at [gshealy@ed.sc.gov](mailto:gshealy@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-2322.