



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: Social Studies Historical Thinking Skills Professional Learning Opportunity and Standards Focus Groups: Fall 2017

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a **free professional learning opportunity** on historical thinking; the reading, analysis, and writing that is necessary to develop our understanding of the past and support the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. In addition to the professional learning, participants will be able to provide feedback on the draft 2020 *SC College-, Career-, and Citizenship-Ready Standards for Social Studies*. All Social Studies educators are invited to participate. At the completion of the one-day opportunity, learners will integrate historical thinking skills into their instruction. Upon completion, five contact hours will be awarded.

During this professional learning opportunity, participants will

- Develop their understanding of historical thinking skills;
- Integrate historical thinking skills into their instruction; and
- Use their knowledge of Social Studies to provide feedback on the draft 2020 *College-, Career-, and Citizenship-Ready Standards for Social Studies*.

Dates and Locations

Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	November 1	Irmo High School 6671 St. Andrews Road Irmo
	November 2	Beaufort County School District Office 2900 Mink Point Blvd. Beaufort
	November 5	Horry County School District Office 335 Four Mile Road Conway
	November 8	Northwestern High School 2503 W. Main Street Rock Hill
	November 9	M.T. Anderson Support Center 100 Blassingame Road Greenville

General Information

All face-to-face sessions will begin **promptly** at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. All participants must bring a device that can connect to the Internet and their planning materials. Lunch will **not** be provided, however a one hour break is allotted for lunch.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by **October 13, 2017**.

Contact Information

For more information concerning this series of professional learning, please contact Elizabeth King, Social Studies Education Associate, via eking@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-0322.