



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

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SUBJECT: ReadConn: K-3 Professional Learning Opportunity

Registration Open for ReadConn Cohort 2: K-3 Reading Professional Learning Opportunity

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has designed a series of professional learning modules for K-3 teachers to support the implementation of the Connecticut Core Standards in English Language Arts: Foundational Skills and comprehensive reading instruction. This series begins September 2017. Alliance Districts have priority registration. Districts may register up to three (3) school-based teams for the 2017-18 cohort. **This series will be on a first come, first served basis for a total of 150 teams.**

K-3 Reading Professional Learning Components

ReadConn consists of **professional learning aligned to the teacher reading survey objectives**. School-based teams participating in ReadConn will have their learning supported through online modules, face-to-face events, virtual coaching, and webinars to assist teachers in increasing their knowledge and expertise in identifying necessary foundational skills, spotting student skills gaps, direct instruction in reading foundational skills, and monitoring students' progress.

Registration and Required Commitments of Participating Teams

This series is designed to support school-based teams. School-based teams consist of one K-3 school-based literacy leader, three teachers and an administrator. **The K-3 literacy leader is defined as a school-based individual with a formal literacy role and is responsible for supporting K-3 teachers in reading skills and knowledge.** The teachers on this team must currently teach grades K-3 and may include teachers of K-3 special education and English learners. When registering a team, the building administrator must register all five (5) members at once. Participants must be able to commit to the entire series. If the team does not access the online modules and/or is unable to attend the face-to-face sessions, they will be disqualified from the remaining modules. **To register your school team(s)**, please direct your internet browser to <http://surveys.pcgus.com/s3/READCONN-Registration>.

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