STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Instructional Leaders

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

DATE: September 28, 2018

RE: Computer Science Grades K–8 Professional Learning Opportunity Fall/Summer 2018–19

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity designed to support implementation of the *South Carolina Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards* for grades K–8.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the *South Carolina Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards* for grades K–8 through the following:

- developing a common understanding of computational thinking;
- engaging in classroom application of the Process Standards and Key Concepts; and
- embedding the *South Carolina Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards* within multiple content areas.

Throughout this series, participants will refine their practice through ongoing virtual and face-to-face sessions designed to support their application of new knowledge in the classroom and their evaluation of its impact on student learning.

Districts may choose to send up to 16 individuals as members of elementary and middle school teams. A middle school team could consist of an instructional lead, a technology lead, and any grade level (6–8) science, math, social studies and English language arts (ELA) teachers from the same school. An elementary school team could consist of an instructional lead, a technology lead, two representatives for grades K–2 and two for grades 3–5 from the same school. It is

recommended that districts designate an instructional lead/administrator to be part of the team and to attend all virtual and face-to-face sessions as well as to engage in application in classrooms.

Participants must participate in all face-to-face and virtual meetings. Certificates of completion for 37 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

Dates and Locations
Links to live virtual meetings will be emailed to registered participants.

Statewide Virtual Meeting	Date	Location and Time
	Tuesday, May 8, 2019	3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Statewide Culminating Days	Date	Location and Time
Columbia	Monday, June 17, 2019	Midlands Technical College 1260 Lexington Drive West Columbia, SC 29170 Academic Center Auditorium
	Tuesday, June 18, 2019	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Spartanburg	Thursday, November 8, 2018	Daniel Morgan Technology Center 201 Zion Hill Road Spartanburg, SC 29307
	Wednesday, December 5, 2018	
	Monday, January 7, 2019	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, February 14, 2019	

Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Lancaster	Thursday, October 18, 2018	Buford High School 4290 Tabernacle Rd Lancaster, SC 29720 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, November 15, 2018	
	Thursday, January 17, 2019	
	Monday, February 25, 2019	Lancaster High School 325 Woodland Dr Lancaster, SC 29720 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Florence	Monday, October 29, 2018	National Bean Market Museum 111 Henry St Lake City, SC 29560 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Monday, November 26, 2018	
	Monday, January 28, 2019	
	Thursday, February 28, 2019	

Travel Reimbursement

Districts will be reimbursed for hotel and mileage at the state per diem for any participant that meets state travel guidelines for the Culminating Days in June. Lunch will be provided on the final Culminating Days.

General Information

All face-to-face sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring a computer and any curricular or instructional resources that are used to support their students' learning.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this registration link. Registration will remain open until all slots are filled and will close on October 12, 2018.

Contact Information

For more information, please contact Gwendolyn Shealy, Education Associate for K–8 Computer Science, via gshealy@ed.sc.gov.