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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Ted L. Roush

DATE: February 21, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Secondary Regional Literacy Institutes

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The Florida Department of Education is pleased to announce the 2025 Secondary Regional Literacy Institutes hosted by the State Regional Literacy Directors. The target audience for the institutes is grades 6-12 Reading and English/Language Arts (ELA) teachers and literacy coaches. Through multiple professional learning sessions, participants will deepen their understanding of standards-aligned, evidence-based practices that are informed by the science of reading and address key literacy areas. Sessions will be provided to:

- Increase understanding of the science of reading to support the development of skilled reading in secondary students;
- Build knowledge of evidence-based practices to be considered when planning and delivering ELA lessons aligned to the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) ELA Standards; and
- Encourage student engagement with grade-level reading and writing tasks supported by complex, rich and meaningful texts.

Information regarding dates and locations is provided below:

Dates	Region	Location
June 23-24, 2025	South Districts	Orlando World Center Marriott 8701 World Center Drive Orlando, FL 32821
June 25-26, 2025	North Districts	Orlando World Center Marriott 8701 World Center Drive Orlando, FL 32821

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Please see the attached **2025 Secondary Regional Literacy Institute District and Consortium Allocations and Registration Link document** to determine the number of guaranteed registrations per district and register participants accordingly. As a reminder, the target audience is Reading and ELA teachers and literacy coaches for grades 6-12. **The guaranteed slots per district and school will be available through Friday, April 25, 2025. If slots are still available after this time, the Department will reevaluate slot allocations to fill slots according to applicable audience and reopen registration until capacity is reached.**

There is no cost for conference registration; however, districts will be responsible for all hotel and travel expenses for their participants. A block of rooms will be available at the Orlando World Center Marriott on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a participant is registered, he or she will receive a confirmation email and hotel information will be provided.

If you have any questions regarding conference registration, please contact Alexis Lewis at rli@nefec.org or by phone at 386-329-4885. We look forward to your participation in the 2025 Secondary Regional Literacy Institutes!

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Attachments