

Dear All,

We are excited to announce that the Department has solidified our 5th and final spring Regional Literacy Institute to take place at **Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel and Convention Center**. The Coral Springs Regional Literacy Institute will expand on the professional learning that took place during the B.E.S.T. English Language Arts (ELA) Standards Institutes in July and September 2020, with a laser-like focus on grades PreK-Grade 2.

During the institute, district-based implementation teams will come together and receive training on the content and implementation of the B.E.S.T. K-2 ELA Standards and the Early Learning and Developmental Standards for 4 Years Old to Kindergarten Bridge with B.E.S.T. K-3 ELA Standards. The institute will also support districts with developing a plan to effectively support educators with implementation of the B.E.S.T. K-2 ELA Standards. There are four main goals:

1. Build knowledge of the K-2 ELA B.E.S.T. Standards and the Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four Year Olds to Kindergarten Bridge based on educator role,
2. Develop the district team's knowledge of an effective standards implementation plan,
3. Deepen district team's knowledge and understanding of the function of their district's team, and role they each play in the standards implementation plan, and
4. Create the district implementation plan for effective PreK-2 ELA standards implementation.

The Department requests attendance of select district staff who will serve as members of the District's Implementation Team and engage in team planning for standards implementation. For this training, there are limited slots. The Department has determined the number of district team members allowable for each district based on size. **See corresponding attachment (Attachment 1) for the number of team members your district has been allocated.** The district implementation team will consist of the following based on district determination:

- District Administrator
- District Specialists:
 - ELA/Reading
 - Exceptional Student Education (ESE)
 - English Language Learner (ELL)
 - Early Childhood
- School Administrator(s)
- Teacher Leader(s)
- Lead Literacy Coach(s)
- Lead Reading Interventionist(s)

All general sessions will be attended as a district team. District implementation teams will work together prior to the institute to determine which breakout sessions each individual district team member will attend. Please work collaboratively to ensure there is district representation in each breakout session.

The Regional Literacy Institute will take place on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021** at the **Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel and Convention Center**. There is no registration fee to attend the Regional Literacy Institute. Districts will be responsible for covering all costs related to travel for participants. **For details, please see attached Agenda (Attachment 2).**

To register your team, please click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021RegionalLiteracyInstitutes>. Please register your team by close of business **Thursday, May 10, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Just Read, Florida! Office. We are thrilled to work with each of you to build capacity of educators across the state to effectively implement the new B.E.S.T. K-2 ELA Standards.

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