

# LEADING EFFECTIVE LITERACY PRACTICES: ENHANCING INSTRUCTION & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



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### PRESENTER(S)

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### PARTICIPANTS

School and District Administrators

### PRICE AND REGISTRATION

The cost of this Professional Learning Series is \$119.00 per participant. Registration includes access to Schoolwide's Fundamentals Unlimited digital platform for the duration of the semester (ending Dec 31, 2019). **To register please call 1.800.261.9964 ext. 127 or email [customerservice@schoolwide.com](mailto:customerservice@schoolwide.com).**

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Aug 1, 2019

## LIVE WEBINAR DATES & TIMES:

Each live webinar will be 45 minutes in length, from 4:30pm–5:15pm and 5:30–6:15pm Eastern Standard Time, on the dates indicated below.

Sept. 10, 2019 / Oct. 8, 2019 / Nov. 12, 2019 / Dec. 10, 2019

*Note: Webinars are recorded and made available to all participants for the duration of the series.*

## SERIES OVERVIEW

Effective literacy leaders create school communities that continually learn with and from each other. They focus professional conversations on the craft of teaching to ensure high levels of student engagement and achievement. They lead literacy improvement efforts using their knowledge of best practices and data.

The following professional learning sessions will provide rich opportunities for school leaders to deepen their understanding of the complexities of literacy development, as well as best instructional and leadership practices for promoting high levels of student achievement. In addition, the interactive nature of these sessions is intended to promote collegial sharing and responsiveness to the questions and concerns of the participants.

### **SESSION 1: BUILDING SCHEMA: THE READING & WRITING PROCESSES, ELA STANDARDS, AND BEST PRACTICES FOR LITERACY INSTRUCTION**

Today's school and district leaders need to know the literacy learning expectations for their students, as well as the most effective research-based instructional practices that will empower teachers to meet all students' needs. In this first session, we will delve into the reciprocal processes of reading and writing, what it means to be a literate individual, best practices for literacy instruction, and how the aforementioned align with learning standards.

## **SESSION 2: ENGAGING ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN ESSENTIAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES: REFLECTING, COLLABORATING, AND CREATING A SHARED VISION**

During this session, we will discuss ways for school communities to engage in reflective and collaborative conversations that lead to the creation of a shared vision. Together we will consider core beliefs around literacy and learning, as well as what you want students to accomplish by the time they leave your school. We will explore effective practices for building the school community's sense of purpose, as well as promoting and sustaining a culture of ongoing reflection and growth.

## **SESSION 3: GATHERING AND ANALYZING EVIDENCE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**

During this session, we will discuss why, when, and how to plan for school-wide data collection and analysis that will inform and enhance daily practices, monitor students' literacy growth, and support responsive teaching. This includes analyzing multiple sources of student data (formative and summative assessments) and examining the effectiveness of current teaching practices by conducting classroom walkthroughs and informal observations.

## **SESSION 4: SUSTAINING A CULTURE OF ONGOING REFLECTION AND GROWTH**

This last session will focus on ways to facilitate continuous school improvement efforts by scheduling time for debriefings and collaborations throughout the school year and planning responsive professional learning opportunities to support teachers' growth. We will also have the opportunity to share what's been happening in our individual schools as we've been implementing these leadership practices. We will discuss further steps to foster a culture of reflective practitioners and data-based decision makers who work collaboratively to problem-solve and hone their craft so that all students are actively engaged and learning.

### **REQUIREMENT (OPTIONAL)**

Throughout these sessions, we will reference the professional text *What You Need to Know About Leading Effective Literacy Practices*. The digital version of this resource is available on Fundamentals Unlimited and is included with the registration fee. To order a printed copy, please visit Schoolwide's Online Store.