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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jacob Oliva

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SUBJECT: **Literacy Micro-Credentials**

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In accordance with Section (s.) 1003.485, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Florida Department of Education and the Division of Early Learning are pleased to announce the launch of a set of literacy micro-credentials, in partnership with the University of Florida (UF) Lastinger Center for Learning. The literacy micro-credentials are facilitated by the UF Lastinger Center for Learning and provide instructional personnel with high-quality, evidence-based online courses to build their literacy knowledge and skill to effectively support literacy learning for students, birth through grade 12.

Three literacy micro-credentials will be developed and deployed:

- Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential
 - Birth through PreK instructional personnel as defined in ss. 1002.55, 1002.61, 1002.63, 402.302(3) and 1002.88(1)(e), F.S. (public or private).
 - Supports language and literacy requirements for the Child Development Associate (CDA) professional portfolio.
- Elementary Literacy Micro-Credential
 - PreK (public or private) and kindergarten through fifth grade (public) instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), F.S.
 - Allows instructional personnel who are not reading endorsed or certified in reading to teach intensive reading intervention, if supervised by an individual who is certified or endorsed in reading.
 - Satisfies Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement.
- Secondary Literacy Micro-Credential
 - Sixth through twelfth grade (public) instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), F.S.
 - Allows instructional personnel who are not reading endorsed or certified in reading to teach intensive reading intervention, if supervised by an individual who is certified or endorsed in reading.
 - Satisfies Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement.

Open enrollment for the literacy micro-credentials will launch December 31, 2022, and courses will begin in January 2023. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The literacy micro-credentials are available at no cost to Florida educators. The attached flyers provide additional information for each literacy micro-credential.

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The Florida Department of Education and the Division of Early Learning, in partnership with the UF Lastinger Center for Learning, look forward to sharing more information in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact lastinger@coe.ufl.edu.

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Attachments