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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route to: Elementary Teachers for Grades K-3
From: Cary A. Booker, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Early Childhood Services

Statewide Professional Learning Opportunities in Early Learning Mathematics for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Educators

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Office of Kindergarten to Grade 3 Education is excited to invite New Jersey educators to virtual professional learning sessions in the area of early learning mathematics. Our office has developed professional learning sessions that will enable teachers to build their capacity in best practices of early learning mathematics. Each virtual learning session will run for 1 hour and 15 minutes to accommodate teachers' schedules. Sessions will include an introduction, evidence-based best practices, interactive feedback, and an assessment of learning. To join these sessions, local educational agency (LEA) staff can sign up on the [NJDOE's Events Registration webpage](#).

Teams of LEA staff may attend the training session, or individual staff members may attend and turnkey the information to others in their LEA. We look forward to the learning that will take place around these important topics.

Training Information

Topic 1: Differentiated Mathematics Centers across the P-3 Continuum (Part 1)

Date: **December 14, 2023**

Time: 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Deadline to register: November 23, 2023

Training Objectives

- Participants will discover ways to provide systemic instruction during intervention/small group using mathematics centers.
- Participants will discover ways to accelerate instruction using differentiated mathematics centers.

Topic 2: Differentiated Mathematics Centers across the P-3 Continuum (Part 2)

Date: **January 25, 2024**

Time: 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Deadline to register: December 14, 2023

Training Objectives

- Participants will discover practical ways to implement engaging, hands-on, standards aligned, differentiated centers during their daily mathematics instructional block.

Topic 3: Assessment Practices in Early Mathematics across the P-3 Continuum

Date: **March 14, 2024**

Time: 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Deadline to register: February 15, 2024

Training Objectives

- Participants will recognize balanced assessment as an integral part of planning and implementing small flexible group instruction and differentiated centers.
- Participants will review types of strategic ongoing assessments that will help teachers to form small groups and guide instruction.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact Melanie Harding at K-3Office@doe.nj.gov.

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