

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Instructional Leaders

FROM: Dr. Abbey Duggins
Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent of College, Career, and
Military Readiness

DATE: May 27, 2026

RE: High-Quality Instructional Materials Professional Development Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is committed to aligning systems, resources, and support so that teachers are equipped to deliver excellent instruction that meets the needs of every learner. With the adoption of new English and Math High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM), district and school leaders can ensure every student has access to rigorous instruction. The SCDE is teaming with Instruction Partners to offer professional learning and targeted resources that support the effective implementation of HQIM in schools.

HQIM Leadership Academy Cohort 2

The SCDE is launching the HQIM Leadership Academy Cohort 2 to build school and district capacity for implementing HQIM. Selected schools will send a leadership team, including one or more teachers, coaches, school leaders, and district leaders, to participate in four full-day trainings, coaching sessions, and ongoing professional learning. This initiative offers practical tools, peer networking, and targeted support to strengthen instruction and accelerate student learning using HQIM.

See the [linked flyer](#) for dates and additional information. Access the application [here](#). Questions can be directed to Brenna McCormick at bkmccormick@ed.sc.gov.
