



December 7th OPTIONAL Early Release Sessions

Title of Session	Target Audience	Time & Location	Description
<p>Classroom Management: The year is in motion, So What, Now What?</p>	<p>Beginning Teachers</p>	<p>2:30 – 4:30 Staff Development Center</p>	<p>This session will focus on strategies to improve classroom management now that the school year has started. We will focus on specific issues teachers may be facing and how to address those issues. We will also address how to implement strategies even if they weren't taught from day one. For more information, please contact Jennifer.Nifong@dpsnc.net</p>
<p>ESL Best Practices: 6-12</p>	<p>Middle and High School ESL teachers</p>	<p>2:00 – 4:00 Githens Middle School Media Center</p>	<p>In this session: 1) Teachers will share best practices in teaching vocabulary across the curriculum 2) Teachers will work on developing newcomer packets by content areas. For more information, contact Sashi.Rayasam@dpsnc.net</p>
<p>Extended Content Standards: Data & Progress</p>	<p>3-5 Grade AU & DN Teachers</p>	<p>2:30 – 4:30 Little River Elementary</p>	<p>This is a PLC to discuss student data and progress with curriculum on the Extended Content Standards. For more information, contact krista.saunders@dpsnc.net</p>
<p>Getting It Together Part 2 (Band)</p>	<p>6-12 Band Directors</p>	<p>2:30 – 4:30 DSA Band Room</p>	<p>In this session: We will be checking in on the progress and planning for district events and offering tips for all district band auditions. For more information, please contact Susan.Townsend@dpsnc.net</p>
<p>HS English Early Release Best Practices</p>	<p>9-12 English (EC,ESL,CO,OCS)</p>	<p>2:30 – 4:30 SDC Cafeteria</p>	<p>In this session: We will be focused on increasing student achievement through effective engagement, enriched instructional strategies (especially related to vocabulary in context and student-student discourse), and increased content/curriculum knowledge. December Focus-Gaining and maintaining student engagement. For more information, contact Heidi.Elmostakim@dpsnc.net</p>

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Middle School Choral Collaboration Session	Middle School Choral Directors	1:00 – 4:00 Brogden Middle School	Teachers will discuss All County Chorus pros and cons and will prep music for Evening of Entertainment for 2017. Teachers will also share dates for winter concert performances. For more information, contact: Corinne.Huber@dpsnc.net
National Board Support Work Session	K-12 National Board Candidates	2:00 – 5:00 Staff Development Center M-9	National Board Candidates will be provided a "Quiet Work Zone" in which they will continue to work on their individual NB Components. For more information, contact Jennifer.Nifong@dpsnc.net
Professionalism: How Do We Act?	Beginning Teachers	2:30 – 4:30 Staff Development Center M-1	Human Resources Presents: Best Practices for Beginning Teachers - How do you act like a professional? It is more complicated than you think!!! For more information, please contact Jennifer.Nifong@dpsnc.net
Promoting Mental Health in Our Schools	Durham Public Schools Occupational Therapists	2:30 – 4:30 808 Bacon Street	This session will focus on the role of School Based Occupational Therapists in promoting mental health in the schools. For more information, please contact Lenore.Champion@dpsnc.net
School Counseling Collaborative Session	K-12 School Counselors	2:30 – 5:30 Elementary Pods 1 & 2: Lakewood; Pod 3: Southwest; Pod 4: EK Powe; Middle: Shepard; High: Jordan	School counselors will meet by level to discuss: Closing the Gap action plan and best practice ideas learned from recent out-of-district professional development (e.g., Play Therapy workshop; NCSCA Fall Conference). For more information, contact Gwen.Roulhac@dpsnc.net
Separate DN and AU teachers (K-2)	K-2 Separate DN and K-2 AU teachers	2:30 – 4:30 Little River School	Teachers of separate K-2 classes will work collaboratively to build relationships while reviewing data to inform instructional decisions. For more info, contact wanda.carter@dpsnc.net
Separate IDMO and AU High School Collaborative (9-12)	9-12 High School Teachers of Separate IDMO and AU	2:30 – 4:30 Room 126 Hillside High School	Teachers will collaborate to strengthen work with ULS and learn more about Project Search. For more information, contact wanda.carter@dpsnc.net
Separate Setting Teachers Middle Level Collaborative (6-8)	6-8 AU and IDMO Separate Setting Teachers	1:30 – 3:30 Brogden Middle School	Middle School Separate Setting Teachers will meet to discuss extensions to the common core & research based program used in these settings. For more information, please contact patrice.thompson@dpsnc.net

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Show Choir Ins and Outs	Middle and High School Chorus Teachers	2:30 – 4:30 DSA Chorus Room	This session will focus on proper ways to research, teach and empower student success in show choir classrooms as students and teachers prepare to rehearse for Evening of Entertainment 2017. Appropriate repertoire and choreography details will be brainstormed and discussed. For more information, please contact sean.grier@dpsnc.net
SLP PLC Groups	SLPs only	1:00 – 4:00 Rooms 162 & 163 Bacon Street	Various topics related to speech/language therapy will be discussed. For more information, contact robin.blumberg@dpsnc.net
Social Studies Instructional Resource Session: 6-8	6-8 Social Studies teachers	1:30 – 3:30 Shepard Middle School Auditorium	Teachers will engage in content-rich professional development intended to inform them of innovative instructional resources and effective pedagogical practices. Teachers will also be given time to consider how these resources and strategies might be incorporated into their PLCs. For more information, contact Daniel.bullock@dpsnc.net
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Teaching, Learning, and Teamwork with Google Drive- Everything You Need to Get Started Using Google Drive with your Students and Teammates	K-12 Instructional Staff	2:30 – 4:30 Staff Development Center M-5	Participants will learn the basics of how to access and use Google Drive and its applications to create, share, and collaborate. For more information, contact jerry.williamson@dpsnc.net

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<p>The Referral Process: Completing the Paperwork</p>	<p>Beginning EC Teachers (1,2,3)</p>	<p>2:30 – 4:30 Staff Development Center M-8</p>	<p>This is an extension of the previous session, Who Referred Me? Where Will I go From Here? We will explore how to complete the Invitation, DEC 1, DEC 2, and DEC 5 for the Initial Referral Meeting. For more information, contact jacqueline.holloman@dpsnc.net</p>
<p>Think Through Math</p>	<p>Math I Teachers- Hillside New Tech, Southern School of Energy & Sustainability & Northern High School only</p>	<p>2:30 – 4:30 Hillside New Tech</p>	<p>Select Math I teachers will receive training on the implementation process for Think Through Math. Participants will receive helpful hints, information on reports available, and have an opportunity to collaborate on best practices. For more information, contact melissa.watson@dpsnc.net</p>