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Subject: NC Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Educational Equity Project

All Public School Units (PSU) which include traditional, non-traditional and public charter schools are invited to join the second cohort of the NC SEL & Educational Equity Project. The purpose of this project is to share and collaborate with other PSUs as you build, implement, and/or refine your Core SEL supports while utilizing an educational equity lens. In this project, PSUs are asked to participate in a 2-hour, virtual professional development in which teams will process and reflect on the application of the learning objectives found in the [Core SEL Practices](#) online course. In addition, a PSU representative will participate in a 1-hour, virtual Community of Practice (CoP) in which PSUs will have opportunities to share with and learn from one another. Both opportunities will be offered for 15 months every other month beginning August 2021. Content and meetings are currently scheduled through November of 2022, and it is our hope that this group, or subsets of this group, will continue to meet as they further expand and integrate SEL throughout their MTSS framework.

For PSUs who have completed the Core SEL Practices Course, your participation in this project will enhance your supports as you adapt to the inequities heightened by the recent pandemic and foster supportive relationships and equitable learning environments.

For more specific information, please read the [Partnership Agreement](#). If your PSU is interested in participating in the NC SEL & Educational Equity Project, please complete this [survey](#) by August 31, 2020.

We look forward to hearing from your PSU and are excited about this opportunity to work alongside you as you foster relationships and build equitable SEL supports within your PSU.

Please feel free to contact anne.nixon@dpi.nc.gov with questions/concerns.

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