



Weekly Memo

Action Items

Learning Ally Series of Professional Learning

Learning Ally would like to offer educators an opportunity to jump-start student reading in preparation for the Great Reading Games. The Great Reading Games is a seven-week event proven to help educators engage students and increase reading stamina. To learn more about how to get started, attend our sessions below.

- Session 1 of our Learning Series will be on **November 1, 2023**. Educators will be able to experience an overview of our Learning Ally Audiobook Solution, gain a better understanding of how to manage students and begin to browse audiobooks. Click on the following registration link below for your preferred time:
 - 2:15 – 3 p.m.: [Session 1: Learning Ally Overview](#)
 - 3:15 – 4 p.m.: [Session 1: Learning Ally Overview](#)
- Session 2 of our Learning Series will be on November 8, 2023. Educators will be able to gain a better understanding of the Great Reading Games competition and how they can have their students participate. Click on the registration link below for your preferred time.
 - 2:15 – 3 p.m.: [Session 2: Great Reading Games](#)
 - 3:15 – 4 p.m.: [Session 2: Great Reading Games](#)

For questions, contact one of the Learning Ally state contract managers, Dr. Martaluz Pozo at mpoz@learningally.org or Simone Smith at ssmith@learningally.org.

Identifying 2023-24 Alternative Schools for School Accountability

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [identifying 2023-24 alternative schools for school accountability](#); Attachment A, [Accessing the Master School Identification Alternative Schools List](#); and [Submitting a Primary Service Type Change To the Master School Identification \(MSID\) File](#), Attachment B. Applications for requesting changes to the Master School Identification file information must be submitted by **November 17, 2023**, per the instructions in the memo.

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2024

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2024](#) and Attachment A, [Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!](#) The activities and events template must be submitted by **January 12, 2024**, per the instructions in the memo. Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2024 is scheduled for **January 22-26, 2024**.

Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Winter Leadership Institute— Save the Date

The CASE Winter Leadership Institute will be in Orlando **from January 30 to February 1, 2024**. Specifically, the institute will take place Tuesday, January 30, 2024, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For information and to register for the institute, go to [Florida CASE Winter Leadership Institute 2024](#). The deadline to make your hotel reservation is **January 15, 2024**. Due to limited room availability, you are encouraged to make your reservations expeditiously at [Hilton Online Hotel Reservation](#).

Informational Items

Position Available with the Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET)

SEDNET, a discretionary project of the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, is seeking a coordinator for the SEDNET 2B Region. The SEDNET 2B region serves Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla counties. The position is supported by the Putnam County School District. The application is open until filled. To view the job description and apply go to <https://www.putnamschools.org/page/employment>. Under the “Apply” section, click on the link to view current job openings. Once the new page opens, click on the link to view current job openings in the “Search Current Job Openings” box. You will then see “Coordinator, SEDNET-ISRSD,” which you can double-click to open the position information and apply by clicking on “Apply for Position” in the upper-right-hand corner. If you have questions pertaining to the job description, please contact Charlene Grecsek at cgrecsek@usf.edu or 727-314-3906. If you need assistance accessing the application, please contact Chastity Lee at leec@nefec.org or 386-329-3894.

Learning Ally Newsletter

The [Learning Ally November Florida Newsletter](#) is now available. We have highlighted three titles that support Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards English Language Arts and are part of the Civic Literacy Reading List. For more information, contact one of the Learning Ally state contract managers, Dr. Martaluz Pozo at mpoz@learningally.org or Simone Smith at ssmith@learningally.org.

Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism (PEPSA)

PEPSA is an initiative to support educators and schools’ professional development and training programs. Our mission is to enhance programs for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), through a variety of regional training events and a partnership program with the statewide Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD). We are currently accepting applications for our fiscal year 2023-24 cohort. The PEPSA/CARD Partnership Program is an initiative that supports educators’ professional development to enhance school programs for students with ASD in Florida. Every year, PEPSA and CARD join to select a cohort of educators and provide them with training and technical assistance to develop and implement innovative and effective practices within educational programs for students with ASD. Participants are matched to a CARD site and consultant professional who will mentor the educator or school staff. The CARD partner will provide support, resources, technical assistance and training that is specific to the needs identified by the educator or school. Participation in the Partnership Program is available for a maximum of two years, consecutively or intermittently. For more information, go to the [PEPSA Partnership Program web page](#).

2023 Legislative Changes to Background Screenings and Fingerprints

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [2023 Legislative changes to background screenings and fingerprints](#).

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