

- establish and support existing Professional Learning Communities to refine the use of data to form and inform instruction.
- provide formative support to districts and charter schools based upon the Annual Professional Development Cycle.
- serve as the NCDPI's main contact for RESA sessions offered as part of the Annual Professional Development Cycle.

The Professional Development Leads' names and contact information are available on the NCDPI website at:

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/profdev/directory/>.

Regional Education Service Alliance (RESA) Partnership

The NCDPI's ongoing, systemic professional development initiative will be supported through a partnership with the state's Regional Education Service Alliances (RESA). Over the next three years, each RESA will plan, schedule, and facilitate regional professional development sessions based upon the Annual Professional Development Cycle. These sessions will be open to all districts and charter schools receiving RttT funding, regardless of their membership with the RESA. The sessions will have common themes across the state, but each region will have sessions specifically tailored to the needs of the districts and charter schools in that region.

Overview of Resources

A number of resources are available for district-level and charter school teams to use in the planning and implementation of local professional development associated with the *Common Core State Standards and North Carolina Essential Standards*. These resources include:

- ***Common Core State Standards and North Carolina Essential Standards 2011 Summer Institutes*** – A series of multi-day, face-to-face institutes for district-level and charter school teams. Each institute provided information, tools, and resources for understanding and implementing the new standards.
 - ***Common Core State Standards and North Carolina Essential Standards Facilitator's Guide*** – This resource is designed to assist with planning and implementing local professional development.
 - **Online Learning Modules** – Online learning modules are designed to be used in conjunction with face-to-face sessions for a blended approach in local professional development.
 - **Instructional Support Tools** - Instructional Support Tools have been developed for each content area and are available on the ACRE website: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/support-tools/>.
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