

Governor's Teacher Network Offers \$10,000 For One Year Opportunity

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Gov. Pat McCrory and State Superintendent June Atkinson on Monday announced the Governor's Teacher Network, an effort designed to allow teachers to serve for one year as content experts for North Carolina's Race to the Top initiatives. Their work will focus on providing instructional resources and professional development activities that will populate Home Base, a suite of web-based technology tools designed to elevate teaching, according to a news release from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The initiative kicks off in April, when 450 teachers will be selected based on a rigorous application process that includes project proposals. Beginning this summer, these teachers will serve for one year developing projects that support key RttT initiatives (professional development and instructional resources for Home Base) in their schools and districts. Network teachers will remain in their current roles, but will also design and deliver individual projects that address needs at the classroom, school or LEA level.

According to DPI, there are two pathways:

These projects will fit within one of two pathways:

-- Professional Development – Teachers will create professional development sessions and materials (face-to-face, webinars and online modules) to address classroom instructional needs and increase the number of PD offerings in the statewide Professional Development system in Home Base.

-- Instructional Resources – Teachers will create instructional sequences for Home Base that are aligned to the NC Standard Course of Study and that consist of unit plans, lesson plans that seamlessly integrate the formative assessment process in daily practice, at least one benchmark assessment/quiz and a final classroom summative assessment.

“The Governor's Teacher Network is a fantastic opportunity for teacher leaders to offer their very best thinking and expertise to support their peers across the state,” said Gov. McCrory in the release. “Their work will directly result in North Carolina teachers having access to more resources that will help them help students achieve at greater levels. Best of all, these resources will be designed for NC teachers, by NC teachers.”

Those selected will be paid \$10,000.

Selection criteria include depth and quality of prior experience conducting work related to the selected pathway, ability to provide resources for identified priority areas, and strength and

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