

MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-094

TO: School District Superintendents
Curriculum Coordinators
Virtual Education Coordinators
Principals
Teachers

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 9, 2021

SUBJECT: eLearning Collaborative – Professional Development Opportunity

eLEARNING COLLABORATIVE – EMPOWERING STUDENT-CENTERED ONLINE LEARNING

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and the American Institutes for Research (AIR) invites educators to participate in the eLearning Collaborative, a new professional development series. This opportunity will focus on two strands: Developing and Improving Online Content and Courses and Supporting Students at a Distance. The eLearning Collaborative will include the following resources and learning opportunities:

- Monthly pre-recorded presentations on topics such as the foundations of online course development and a multi-tiered approach to identify and address student mental health needs.
- Reflections on the presentations through asynchronous conversations on the Canvas course.
- Monthly Learning Collaboration meetings to discuss and reflect on the presentations in grade band teams.

By participating in the eLearning Collaborative, teachers will learn how to develop engaging online courses and how to integrate multi-tiered systems of support into their daily practice to support students' social emotional needs and mental health both in person and virtually.

In exchange for watching the presentations, engaging in the online community, and attending the Learning Collaborations, one Professional Teaching Standards Board credit will be available.

Join the eLearning Collaborative through the WDE [Canvas Catalog](#). For help with enrolling, see the [enrollment instructions document](#).

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