



Newsletter Announcement:

NCDPI Awards \$1.8 Million to Economically Distressed Counties to Support Local K-8 Digital Literacy Efforts

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is excited to announce a new partnership with [Learning.com](#) to improve digital literacy across the state!

Nurturing students’ digital literacy skills encourages growth in areas such as computational thinking, digital citizenship and online safety, visual mapping, databases and computer fundamentals. Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Charter Schools, Lab Schools, and Innovative School District (ISD) schools within the most economically distressed counties (as determined by the [North Carolina Department of Commerce Tier One designation](#)) will now be eligible to receive funding totaling approximately \$1.8 million for implementation and adoption support provided by the Digital Learning Initiative (DLI). All other North Carolina LEAs and schools may choose to leverage the cooperative purchasing agreement via convenience contract with statewide negotiated terms and pricing (\$7.50 per student or \$3,200 per site license).

All funding-eligible LEAs and Charter Schools within Tier One counties must complete an “intent-to-contract” form (sent directly to their Finance Officer in early April 2019) if they intend to execute a local contract with Learning.com for the 2019-20 school year by **5pm on April 26, 2019**.

Eligible LEAs and Charter Schools completing the “intent to contract” form will receive an allotment of *at least* \$3.69 per allotted ADM in the Spring 2019 for adoption support (i.e., off-setting the cost of professional development, technical assistance, devices, etc.). Another allotment of *at least* \$4.62 per allotted ADM will be provided in late Summer 2019 to those eligible LEAs and Charter Schools that have executed local contracts with Learning.com by July 1, 2019. This second Summer allotment will help to off-set the subscription fee. A summary of these allotments can be found below:

Tier 1 Subsidy Overview		
	Adoption Allotment	Implementation Allotment
Projected Date	May 2019	July 2019
Projected Amount <i>(*based on proportional distribution of available funds – may be larger depending on # of districts signing local contracts)</i>	At Least \$3.69* per Allotted ADM (K-8)	At Least \$4.62* per Allotted ADM (K-8)



Opt-in Period	Ends April 26 th via link sent to Tier 1 Finance Officers	Sales data from vendor for local contracts starting on or before July 1, 2019
Eligibility	LEAs, Charters, and Lab Schools within Tier 1 Counties <i>intending to sign</i> a contract w/State vendor	LEAs, Charters, and Lab Schools within Tier 1 Counties <i>with a signed</i> contract w/State vendor
Allowable Use of Funds	Anything supporting the adoption of state vendor (e.g., PD, devices, etc.)	Per user subscription or site license from state vendor

All LEAs and Charter Schools will work directly with Learning.com to execute local contracts (whether they are eligible to receive funding or not), by contacting mspence@learning.com.