

# UPDATES

## NEW DISTRICT MEMBERS

Learning Forward welcomes the following new district members:

- Belton Independent School District, Belton, Texas;
- Cicero School District #99, Cicero, Illinois;
- Fort Sam Houston Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas; and
- Galesburg-August Community Schools, Galesburg, Michigan.

Learning Forward's district membership allows districts to offer all their educators access to research, best practices, resources — including an exclusive discussion guide for each issue of *The Learning Professional* — and member discounts.

This special group membership can help districts establish a common language and expectations about professional learning, foster collaborative learning, and save money and time.

To learn more about our district membership, visit [learningforward.org/membership](https://learningforward.org/membership).

## WEBINARS

For more information and to register for these free webinars, go to [learningforward.org/webinars](https://learningforward.org/webinars).

- **Oct. 22:** Superintendents and District Leaders — Leading for Equity
- **Nov. 12:** Early Childhood Virtual Learning
- **Nov. 19:** Virtual Professional Learning Structures and Strategies

## VIRTUAL COACHES ACADEMY LAUNCHES IN NORTH DAKOTA, HAWAII



Since 2012, Learning Forward has supported instructional coaches in North Dakota through a partnership with the North Dakota Teacher Support System. This year, for the first time, we began providing that support entirely online through a Virtual Coaches Academy, which launched in September and includes 90 coaches serving schools, districts, and organizations across the state.

The Virtual Coaches Academy provides tools, strategies, and protocols to help coaches understand their roles as leaders and facilitators of professional learning in both a virtual and face-to-face context, while maintaining its focus on creating a collaborative community of coaches committed to developing their skills in building relationships, leading professional learning, and individual and team coaching.

The Academy includes live, facilitated sessions with an expert coach; asynchronous, collaborative learning communities to reflect on learning, reinforce strategies, and share progress; tools and strategies specific to coaching in a virtual context; and individual support for coaches as they work virtually with teachers in their systems.

Also in September, Learning Forward launched a Virtual Coaches Academy for 40 coaches in Hawaii through a partnership with the Hawaii Department of Education, as well as online academies in Illinois, Texas, Tennessee, and California.

As coaches seek to expand their skills to support teachers in this new learning environment, we want to help you empower them to influence teaching, student learning, and school culture. Learn more about how we can support your coaches at [consulting.learningforward.org/virtual-learning](https://consulting.learningforward.org/virtual-learning).

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Thanks @LearningForward for a great #LearnFwdTLP chat to help me reflect on what is most important for professional learning right now.