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BRLI Champion Posting and Expectations for 2023/2024

Berkshire Resources for Learning and Innovation (BRLI) will continue its work over the 2023-2024 school year thanks to receiving **DESE's FC124 Grant - Building Capacity for High-Quality Instruction through EdTech**. We have been fortunate to receive this grant and will use funds to:

- Support district/school-based champions/ed tech leadership
- Continue building a cohesive network across Berkshire districts for planning, collaborating, and problem solving
- Develop exemplar lessons and units embedding ed tech standards into teaching and learning
- Continue developing a regional vision for digital equity and educational technology
- Further study and advance concepts for shared programming and potential joint purchasing
- Develop and deliver professional development for Berkshire educators focused on effective ed tech practices
- Ensure the development of student skills with technology is a central component of school improvement efforts

The project initially began in the spring of 2020 as a solution to the pandemic-induced shutdowns and the need to implement remote teaching and learning systems. Our work evolved to focus on best practices for infusing technology into teaching and learning. We assert that the effective use of educational technology will enhance student learning, create opportunities in a geographically large (Berkshire) region, build connections across our schools and districts, as well as strengthen our professional networks and resources.

The BRLI network seeks an **Ed Tech Champion** from each of our participating districts for the 23-24 school year from November 1st - June 30th. Champions work as a member of the BRLI Leadership Team in supporting regional and district efforts related to effective educational technology practices. **The expectations of a BRLI Ed Tech Champion are to:**

1. Serve as a liaison/lead between the BRLI project and Champion's school and/or district
2. Attend and participate in at least one BRLI Leadership Team meeting per month (approx 1 hr - virtual)
3. Participate in a 20-hour professional learning experience to develop model lessons and units incorporating ed tech standards and practices. More details and dates for this experience will be provided.
4. Participate as a member of the BRLI Leadership Team to advance project goals, identify lessons learned, ongoing needs, and areas of opportunity/growth for their districts and the wider Berkshire region.
5. Develop professional development experiences for educators individually or with teams of BRLI champions.
6. Regularly share BRLI information, market, and recruit teachers and administrators for professional learning experiences (i.e. workshops, courses, webinars, etc.)
7. Participate in any required surveying, feedback, and program evaluation.

Overall, this project seeks highly motivated, collaborative, and thoughtful educators who are inspired by learning, considering, and implementing innovative approaches using technology to improve teaching and learning.

*Champions will receive a **\$5,000*** stipend for their participation in this collaborative project*

**Note: Districts may have multiple champions up to two (2) - 1 elementary and 1 middle/high school level at \$2500. In this scenario, both educators will participate in the lesson/unit development experience)*

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