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TO: Complex Area Superintendents, Principals (All), District Educational Specialists,
Public Charter School Directors, and Special Education Teachers

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SUBJECT: **Quarterly Professional Learning Communities for Special Education Teachers of
Students with Significant Disabilities**

In an effort to enhance professional development, communication, and collaboration between special education teachers who provide instruction to our students with significant cognitive and/or developmental disabilities, each district will hold quarterly Professional Learning Communities (PLC) meetings. These PLCs meetings will be for special education teachers to expand their knowledge of specially designed instruction through distance learning, review health and safety guidelines, and share successful examples of evidence-based practices for students with significant cognitive and/or developmental disabilities. In these PLC meetings, time will be provided for questions and answers. Please submit your questions at this link [PLC Questions](#) by Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

The first quarterly district PLCs will be on the following dates. Special education teachers that provide instruction to this population may register for one of the dates listed below that are designated by Districts. The PLCs are two (2) hours from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration is on PDE3: <https://pde3.k12.hi.us/ia/empari/login/index>

Special education teachers will receive a stipend for attendance on non-school days (10/6/2020 - 10/8/2020).

Each District will send out their future District PLC dates for Quarters 2, 3, and 4.

Dates of Quarter 1 PLCs	District	Course/Section No.
September 21, 2020 October 5, 2020	Leeward PDE3: Quarterly PLC for Special Education Teachers of Students with Significant Disabilities-Leeward (live online)	SPED186087 303632
September 22, 2020 October 6, 2020	Central PDE3: Quarterly PLC for Special Education Teachers of Students with Significant Disabilities-Central (live online)	SPED186089 303634

Dates of Quarter 1 PLCs	District	Course/Section No.
September 24, 2020 October 7, 2020	Honolulu PDE3: Quarterly PLC for Special Education Teachers of Students with Significant Disabilities-Honolulu (live online)	SPED186089 303634
September 28, 2020 October 8, 2020	Windward PDE3: Quarterly PLC for Special Education Teachers of Students with Significant Disabilities-Windward (live online)	SPED186090 303635
September 29, 2020 October 8, 2020	Maui PDE3: Quarterly PLC for Special Education Teachers of Students with Significant Disabilities-Maui (live online)	SPED186091 303636
September 29, 2020 October 8, 2020	Kauai PDE3: Quarterly PLC for Special Education Teachers of Students with Significant Disabilities-Kauai (live online)	SPED186095 303640
October 1, 2020 October 8, 2020	Hawaii PDE3: Quarterly PLC for Special Education Teachers of Students with Significant Disabilities-Hawaii (live online)	SPED186092 303638

Schools may request reimbursement for stipends from the Special Education District Office if Title II funds for professional development are not available. Please submit requests to your Special Education District Educational Specialist by Friday, October 23, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact your Special Education District Educational Specialist or the Exceptional Support Branch, at (808) 305-9806.

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c: Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents
State Public Charter School Commission