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Date: 6/11/19

To: Dr. Ed Condon

From: Dr. Alison Hawley

RE: Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Summer Reading Institute

For the past three years, District 90 has been engaged in a partnership with Columbia University (NY) Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP). This ongoing partnership has provided the district with high-quality, job-embedded professional development to support the implementation of recently adopted reading and writing curriculum.

This summer, District 90 has the opportunity to host an optional four-day Summer Reading Institute August 19th – 21st for grades K-8 to support continued implementation of the Units of Study for Teaching Reading. Topics addressed during the reading institute will include:

- Curriculum development based on decades of research and best practices
- Reading assessments
- Units of study in the reading workshop
- Classroom library development
- Fluency and comprehension strategy instruction
- Phonics as an integral component of early literacy
- Classroom structures that support inquiry and collaboration
- Formative assessments and learning progressions to develop data-based instruction in reading, including small group instruction
- Toolkits, charts and student-facing rubrics
- Writing about reading
- Reading, research, and cross-textual work in nonfiction
- Methods of holding students accountable for doing their best work

Please see the attached agreement provided by Teachers College Reading and Writing Project for the August Summer Reading Institute.