

**Memo of Understanding
Between
The Santa Rosa Professional Educators
And
Santa Rosa County School Board**

FLDOE awarded Santa Rosa District Schools grant funding to support teachers in obtaining their K-12 Computer Science certification. Currently, this certification is the most difficult to obtain with only 50% pass rates for first and second time test takers. No SRCSD teacher currently has this certification and statewide, numbers of computer science certified educators are extremely low. Recent legislation (ie. HB7071 in 2019) has placed a strong emphasis on computer science education. Future legislation regarding computer science instruction will likely require "in-field" teachers, which is prompting FLDOE to push initiatives like this one.

Teachers interested in obtaining computer science certification will contact the Coordinator of Math and Science. This grant allows for stipends to be paid for their participation in pursuing this certification in addition to successfully passing the computer science certification exam and adding the certification to their teaching certificate. Teachers interested in pursuing this opportunity must be able to document their proficiency in computer science and/or advanced mathematic by producing documentation in one of the following forms:

- Related course work on a college transcript
- Certification areas on a current and valid teaching certificate
- Current or past teaching history in relative course assignments

Additional funding has been awarded to provide stipends during the summer training for teachers to attend introductory computer science PD and AP Computer Science College Board PD.


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Funding for these stipends is wholly from the FLDOE grant awarded to SRCSD. Payments associated with the program will be based on the availability of funds awarded from FLDOE and the continuation of the award to SRCSD by FLDOE for this specific purpose.

The provisions of this MOU will be implemented immediately and will be added to the SRPE Master Contract, Article X Professional Qualifications and Assignments, during the next session of open negotiations.



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Chief Negotiator for the Board

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Date



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